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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	District Council Meeting 8/4/57	8/19/57	Writer	[redacted]
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cc: [redacted]

21-NEW YORK (REGISTERED)
(EUGENE DENNIS)
(SIDNEY STEIN)
(JACK STACHEL)
(JOE CLARK)
(BEN DAVIS)
(JOHN GATES)
(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
(PETTUS PERRY)
(LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
(ROBERT THOMPSON)
(ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(HERBERT APTHEKER)
[redacted]
(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
[redacted]
(DAILY WORKER)
(MEMBERSHIP)
(PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
(EDUCATION)
(CP, USA)

1-BOSTON (REGISTERED)
(MEMBERSHIP)

2-CLEVELAND (REGISTERED)
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1-CHICAGO (REGISTERED)
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1-DETROIT (REGISTERED)
(CARL WINTER)

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On 8/5/57 [] furnished a report which was taken in dictation by Stenographer []. Following the transcription of the report it was initialed on 8/19/57. Stenographer [] stenotype notes are located in []. The report is quoted as follows:

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"August 5, 1957
Los Angeles, California

"The District Council meeting held on August 4, 1957, at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, convened at 10:30 AM. The meeting was chaired by DOROTHY HEALEY, County Chairman of the Southern California District Communist Party, who announced the agenda as minutes of the District Council meeting and minutes of the Board, to be presented by BEN DOBBS. The second point on the agenda is the National Committee report.

"In addition to the mimeographed minutes which were made available to Council delegates, there was a report of an additional Board meeting, which is not included in the minutes, at which time a subcommittee was appointed to hear the appeal of the five comrades who were suspended for work with the Socialist Workers Party. The subcommittee was set up composed of [] whose last name I don't know. He apparently is a Council delegate because when DOROTHY HEALEY was introducing, naming off these people, she pointed in the general direction where various individuals were sitting; however, there were two or three people in that area whom I didn't know and no one whom I did know named [] so it must be one of the other people who was there.

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Also, []

[] I talked to [] at lunch time and she suggested that I meet with the subcommittee prior to their interviewing any of the five, which I agreed to do. I don't believe they have set any kind of a meeting yet for the subcommittee.

"There were a couple of announcements. The section organizers meeting for September 4, 1957, was announced; however, I believed this is an error, because the meeting was set by the section organizers themselves for the sixth of September, not the fourth. They also announced that this would be a meeting for legislative directors, but the section organizers agreed that it would be a meeting for educational and literature directors. This was not clarified during the course of the meeting.

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"On the main point of the agenda, DOROTHY HEALEY proposed that, inasmuch as the forthcoming national bulletin will carry a complete report of both the content of the main reports given at the National Committee meeting and the discussion that followed, the District Council receive at this time reports from the three California people who attended, as follows:

"DON WHEELDIN, to report on the DENNIS report on the H bomb campaign;

"BEN DOBBS, to cover the report given by STEIN on the status of Party organization;

"DON WHEELDIN, to report on the STACHEL report, particularly on the question of the "Daily Worker" and on personnel; and

"CHARLENE ALEXANDER and DOROTHY HEALEY, to supplement the reports

"The main reports, incidentally, at the District Council meeting were tape recorded. (There was a tape recorder at the Park Manor and DON WHEELDIN used it.

"DON WHEELDIN spoke, first on the DENNIS report. DON stated that, in his opinion, this report was of higher quality than many reports he had heard and included directives which would help to establish the honor of the Party again in the mass movement provided the directives are put into life by the Party membership. He said the DENNIS report contained a detailing of monopoly in the United States and the contradictions and differences within the monopoly class.

"The DENNIS report stated that while the danger of war still exists there is a main trend of lessening of world tensions.

"DON WHEELDIN outlined the role of the Democratic Party as, for example, MORSE, in urging an end to the H bomb tests and the activities in many districts such as New York, Southern California, and other areas, where Democratic Party spokesmen have taken the initiative in developing an aggressive campaign toward ending H bomb

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tests. In outlining the differences within the camp of monopoly, he stated there were two main groupings: One, around [] which he said were based mainly in the Cleveland and Boston financial areas and in the main financial centers of Canada; the other, the group led by Senator KNOWLAND and RADFORD, DULLES, etc., representing the oil interests, the Chase National Bank, the Rockefeller interests, etc., with their main international center in West Germany. Both have imperialist aims. However, the oil interests are the most dangerous because of their full support of the EISENHOWER doctrine. These are the interests represented by the KNOWLAND, RADFORD, DULLES grouping. [] and the grouping of monopolists around him represent a more flexible position, particularly with regard to East-West trade relations and therefore are more susceptible to mass pressure.

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"The report outlined the use of the United Nations by monopoly to destroy anti-monopoly unity, particularly among the colonial peoples.

"On the question of how to develop local and state campaigns against the atom bomb, the report recommended that there be additional open letters to the President based on or following the example of the [] open letter which was written some weeks ago. Locally, it was proposed that there be sent open letters from the aircraft workers raising the alternative proposal for the opening of trade relations as opposed to reliance on war production, which brings layoffs; second, that there be developed research on atomic fallout as a health hazard and that resolutions from state and city bodies be forwarded to the Congress; third, the obtaining of public opinion statements and polls supporting an end of the tests, that there be more activity from women's organizations, such as the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom and the PTA groups, that there be renewed efforts to develop support from the Negro people, that this aspect of the campaign be linked to the support expressed by the Negro community to the position taken by the Indian leaders in organized labor, that while up to this time there has been a lag in the participation of organized labor in the campaign labor is now beginning to move, at least in certain sections. The problem is to carry the

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campaign into the shops and local unions and to link it to economic demands; finally, to develop a mass movement to outlaw the use of all atomic weapons, with the stopping of the tests as the first step.

"The report then spent some time on what it described as the 'modest but effective' contribution made by the Communist Party and the 'Daily Worker' to the campaign.

"The report then urged the achievement of a universal pledge renouncing atomic weapons and for public ownership and operation of atomic weapons and research. This would help to weaken the monopolies and enhance public influence for peaceful application of atomic energy. It would enhance the political alliance of labor, the Negro people and the anti-monopoly elements, though it would not in any way be a socialist solution of the problem.

"On the question of publications, this is the section of the report at the National Committee which was given by STACHEL. The 'Daily Worker' is having similar financial problems to that faced by the 'People's World' and the proposal is that the daily be reduced to a four-page publication.

"Again at this meeting of the National Committee, the question of JOE CLARK consumed approximately one-third of the entire meeting. There was a motion by DAVIS that JOE CLARK be removed as foreign editor on the charge that he was failing to carry out the mandate of the 16th convention. This was based primarily on the columns written by CLARK which criticized the method used by the Soviet Union in the removal of MALENKOV, KAGANOVICH, SHEPPOV and MALENKOV. The Illinois Party, particularly clubs in Chicago, had written to the National Committee demanding CLARK's removal. GATES, according to WHEELDIN, is trying to carry out the line of the national convention. STACHEL recommended that CLARK not be removed from the staff of the 'Daily Worker' but that he be assigned to other duties. DAVIS recommended that CLARK be removed as foreign editor, and there was some unclarity as to exactly whether he should be removed altogether or merely assigned to other posts. The vote on this was 27 to 12 against CLARK's removal. California, with the exception

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of CHARLENE ALEXANDER, voted against CLARK's removal. WHEELDIN stated that, in his opinion, this whole question of CLARK was a phony issue. He called it a maneuver to avoid taking up the ideological questions and again an effort to solve ideological differences by organizational decree and discipline.

"WHEELDIN said that, in his opinion, GATES' contribution was one of the most outstanding made at the National Committee meeting. GATES, in substance, stated that the convention placed the main danger to the Party as left sectarianism but consistently the fight in the National Committee has been against right opportunism or policies described as right opportunism.

"In WHEELDIN's opinion, factionalism is still the major problem in the National Committee; however, he said, he felt that the presence of PETTIS PERRY, WEINSTOCK, THOMPSON, BITTELMAN and FLYNN at this National Committee meeting was of decisive importance in improving the content of the National Committee meeting. He said that PETE PERRY is now on his way to Los Angeles and that he will be stationed in Los Angeles.

"BEN DOBBS, on the STEIN report covering organization, stated that his report would refer both to the STEIN report and to DOROTHY HEALEY's report on the status of the Party given at the June meeting of the District Council. He said that the National Committee took up the questions of the theoretical and political problems of organization. The estimate of the period in which the Party now is is that it is nearing the end of the national convention period and is confronted with new steps of organization, the organization and assignment of leadership, the assignment of specific responsibility, the organization of commissions, the setting up of personnel. Two new assignments were made at this National Committee meeting: AP THEKER as editor of 'Political Affairs' and BLUMBERG to legislative work.

"He stated that one of the main problems confronting the Party is to establish an atmosphere of free debate and that certainly the atmosphere in the National Committee was not the most healthy to achieve this aim.

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"STEIN raised the question: Do we need a Party in the United States? and stated that the 16th convention and the Party membership since the convention have answered this with a decisive yes. The question, however, is how to build a more effective Party and a mass socialist movement in the United States.

"The problems facing the American Party are those common to all Communist Parties in the world as a result of the 20th Congress revelations. He said the main slogan in the Party in the coming period should be reconstruction. There are two extremes in the Party which make such reconstruction difficult: One, those who, in each advance made by the Party, look upon any change with abhorance and want to pull the Party back toward dogmatism. He stated that there were even some elements in New York who have stated that they plan to launch a new party which will be built around the extreme left position represented politically by FOSTER. He did not, however, indicate that FOSTER was attempting to launch such a party. The other extreme are those people who have lost any roots in the traditional Marxist-Leninist type of organization and who wish to throw overboard all the organizational safeguards and lessons the Party has learned. Again, at this point, he emphasized the need to develop a free atmosphere of debate.

"He outlined the following figures on the status of the Party. The first figure is the 1956 registration figure, followed by the figure today. I will give them to you by districts:

New York	8,800 to 3,000
Northeastern states	387 to 150
Eastern Pennsylvania	600 to 450
Western Pennsylvania	120 to 85
Ohio	588 to 450
Illinois	1,000 to 650

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Minnesota	272 to	200
Washington state	350 to	300
New Jersey	730 to	600
Connecticut	200 to	100
Wisconsin	164 to	125
California	<u>2,900 to</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Totals	<u>17,000 to</u>	<u>10,000</u>

"This is from the STEIN report.

"California has a 25 percent loss, with some areas such as Valley and Western a 50 percent loss. There are continuing losses plus the fact that many are still waiting to 'see' before deciding whether to remain or to drop. Many of those who have dropped are not hostile and present a base for reconstructing the Party in Southern California.

"The losses across the country, according to the STEIN report, were the heaviest where either factionalism exists, where the leadership abdicated its position of responsibility, or where there were extreme points of view which could not be reconciled.

"In trying to explain the continuing losses, the following rationalizations were presented:

"1. That the Communist Party has lost its attractiveness. This is approached from two points of view: one, that the Party has lost its essential Marxist purity; on the other hand, that it has not made enough changes.

"The second rationalization is that those people who left the Party were weak people and that the Party is better off without them.

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"The third rationalization is that we over-criticized ourselves. The answer to this, given by STEIN, is that, actually, the continuing losses are a reflection of the fact that the Party has largely lost its ideological moorings; that we have been slow in moving to reconstruct the Party; that we have failed to develop an atmosphere of free debate.

"At this point, the tape machine broke down, so there were a couple of announcements: 1, that the October National Committee meeting will discuss the theoretical aspects of the Negro question and that there will be held either simultaneously with or just preceding or just following the National Committee meeting a national trade union conference.

"The tape was then repaired and the report continued.

"On the question of reconstruction, the question was asked: Is the isolation of the Communist Party a result of immutable forces? The answer is no, that the Party must be reconstructed now and that we cannot wait for the emergence of a new mass movement.

"At this point, DOBBS inserted the sub-report given at the National Committee meeting by HY LUMER on the development of new ideological weapons. The following material is to be published within the next few months. As I recall, the date of February was set as the target date for these. First, publications: There will be a series of topical mass pamphlets on the following subjects:

the H bomb

inflation

the labor movement

farm problems

the right to vote

taxes

housing

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the Supreme Court, and
youth

"The date is February. I have it here. Second, there will be a series of Party educational bulletins or outlines on the following subjects:

labor and economics
political questions
business unionism
automation, and
pension plans

"Third, there will be a series of basic educational publications on Socialism, political economy and various texts for classes, and so on.

"Fourth, there will be seven outlines for use within the Party organization. These will be on the Communist Party, political economy, the United States and its political program, labor, the Negro question, and historical and dialectical materialism.

"He then discussed the problem of building the Party organization in terms of building what we have plus organizing those who left, and recommended the most flexible use of forms and ideas to win these back without any problem of formality being permitted to obscure the main aim. He was a little critical of the report by STEIN inasmuch as it did not indicate the composition of those who had been lost to the Party.

"On the question of relations of the Communist Party to new groupings or to other socialist groups within the country, he stated the Communist Party is not a beleaguered garrison. We must establish systematic visits, bring these people material, and develop new organizational forms to attract them.

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"On the 'People's World,' it was reported that the goal of 42.2 has been reached in the drive; that the drive is running approximately two months off schedule. It was recommended that the next meeting of the District Council be devoted to the question of the 'People's World.'

"He continued with the main portion of the report, stating that there would be attempts to organize conferences of the District Council committees during the month of August. Ideologically, he said, we must convince people of our line, not attempt to command them to follow our line.

"DOROTHY HEALEY, at this point, announced an emergency meeting to be held August 16, 1957, at Channing Hall regarding the six Spanish sailors who are seeking political asylum.

"DOROTHY FOREST announced the amicus curiae brief campaign being sponsored by the Sobell Committee and requested that the District Committee reaffirm its support to the campaign; that the clubs take and circulate copies of the brief; and that the 'People's World' publish the material contained within the brief. She cited the experience that she had had in talking to two people in the recent period, one of whom was a non-Communist and who approached a person known to her to be a Communist requesting that the Communist bring copies of this brief into the club. The Communist responded, 'I don't know whether my club will consider this campaign Kosher.' The other experience was of a Party member -- and I don't recall the details of that. The purpose of reciting these two incidents was to attempt to alert the District Council membership to the need for the Party to continue to support left campaigns. The next District Council meeting was set for Friday, September 13, 1957.

"BEN DOBBS then continued his report.

"These breaks, in each instance, indicate where the tape broke down.

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"BEN DOBBS then continued his report, stating that the development of mass work and the working out of the relationship between our Party and the mass movement was the essential problem. Our main orientation must be the development of class consciousness among the workers to change class relations in the United States. He said the first publication of the national bulletin will be available in about two weeks and should be available in Southern California roughly the 20th of August 1957. He urged all sections to take orders in advance for the bulletin, which will sell at five cents a copy.

"DOBBS stated that the main points at issue in the National Committee meeting, in his opinion, were, first, the attempt by the ultra-left forces, led by FOSTER, DAVIS, LUMER, WEINSTOCK and CHARLENE ALEXANDER, to resist flexibility and change, as opposed to those who wished to move forward and reconstruct a new type of Party. Second, he said, was the emergence of old battles, such as, for example, what kind of an approach to the USSR, and that this was expressed in the struggle between the left and right forces in the National Committee around the question of CLARK.

"He closed his report by announcing that there would be a Fall registration of Party membership in Southern California.

"CHARLENE ALEXANDER reported. On mass issues, the National Committee is, on the whole, in agreement. However, she was critical of the report given by DENNIS and did not share the estimate of DON WHEELDIN and BEN DOBBS that it was a good report. Her reason for this feeling was that it failed completely to take up or have any reference to the problems of women and youth; also, that it did not deal with composition when it outlined the losses. She commented that numbers do not reflect the important question. She was extremely critical of GATES and stated that she did not feel that GATES made an outstanding contribution in the meeting.

"She refereed to a motion made by CARL WINTER, the substance of which was that all people acting as spokesmen for the Party must follow the main line of the

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Party. She said that there was a motion to table discussion on this motion and that only DOROTHY HEALEY and GATES voted against the motion. It was extremely unclear what motion she was referring to, as will come out later in the minutes.

"Then, she spoke on the question of the appeal of BILL TAYLOR and the fact that the National Committee stated they felt his expulsion was inhuman and an act of white chauvinism and recommended that all charges against TAYLOR be expunged from the record, and the National Committee instructed TAYLOR to return to California. She also mentioned a New Jersey case but did not indicate either the substance of the case or its final disposition except to indicate that it was returned to New Jersey for clarification. Later, it developed that this involved some 18 people, some of whom dropped voluntarily from the Party and some of whom were dropped by their clubs and who were appealing in a bloc. Apparently, there was a constitutional question involved of their right to appeal as a bloc when they were not either dropped or disciplined as a bloc.

"She then stated that ROBERT THOMPSON and PETTIS PERRY had been added to the National Committee.

"DOROTHY HEALEY spoke next and stated that she felt CHARLENE ALEXANDER was very confused as to what actually took place at the National Committee meeting; that she had made a number of erroneous statements, as, for example, on the question of the BILL TAYLOR appeal, but she recommended that the question of a full report on the TAYLOR appeal be held over to the next meeting of the District Council inasmuch as this matter was referred to the national Executive Committee, not acted upon finally by the National Committee, and she went further in saying that the action taken against TAYLOR was taken at the time a number of people were 'missing' and that any action taken during that period should not be considered binding or final; further, that the action was taken not by the Los Angeles leadership but by the state leadership, who were not close enough to the problem of TAYLOR nor aware of its ramifications to make a proper estimate of it.

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"In DOROTHY HEALEY's opinion, the DENNIS and STEIN reports were excellent; however, she felt, the DENNIS report had one major weakness in that it failed to bring out some of the basic ideological questions concerning the Party. She said that, in her personal opinion, this National Committee meeting was the most discouraging she had ever attended; that one-third of the discussion again resolved around the question of removing CLARK; that this, therefore, represented capitulation to the ultra-left's efforts to return the Party organization to dogmatism and to judgment by epithet. She used as an example the use of this type of criticism and organizational action only by the left forces against the right, and in comparing the right of CLARK to write his opinions in the columns of the 'Daily Worker,' she brought out the DAVIS article in 'Political Affairs' in which DAVIS stated his own position on the pilgrimage which was not attacked by the right forces in the National Committee, whereas the left forces used the same type of criticism that might justifiably have been invoked against DAVIS.

"She spoke on the question of the Chinese theory of let all the flowers blossom and said we should bring it down to the present with THOMAS JEFFERSON's statement: Error can be tolerated when truth is allowed to flourish.

"She went further in comparing the question of JOHN GATES and the position of APTHEKER and stated that here again was an example of an attack levelled against a right force such as GATES, whereas APTHEKER, who wrote and published the book, 'The Truth About Hungary,' is not in any way criticized, even for the unconscious humor of a title which is open to question in the minds of most of the Party membership.

"She felt that there was great resistance on the part of many members of the National Committee in carrying out the policies set by the 16th Convention; that there is a fear of opening anything new; that there is still too much talking about what we do not want in the Party; and that we need to move forward to spell out exactly what we do want.

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"At this point, the session was adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 and BETTY WILLETT was voted approval of as literature director and DOROTHY FOREST as the person in charge of the civil liberties struggle.

"JIM FORREST made an announcement on education, announcing the section organizers meeting, together with education and literature directors, for Friday, September 6, 1957, at the Hungarian Hall.

"JEAN KOVNER requested at what point she should raise a resolution which her section wished to submit on financial reports. She was told to take the floor in the discussion.

"SOPHIE SILVER raised a question on education and was also asked to speak in the general discussion. She had requested that there be issued printed material on the H bomb and on the right to work bills.

"At this point, the District Council voted to set the adjournment time at 4 PM and to limit discussion time to seven minutes a speaker.

"In the discussion, HARRY HUNT took the floor first, stating that the tone of criticism which the reports were presented in at the District Council meeting tended to lessen any advances on theoretical questions. He felt this same weakness was involved in the actual conduct and reports given at the National Committee. He raised the question of characterizations as they were made of left, right, center, and so on, and stated that, in his opinion, most people would be found to have a 'right position' on some questions, a 'left position' on others, and a 'center position' on still others, so the characterizations mean actually very little. He felt the reports and the discussion should rather be around concrete issues and struggles and that this would help to lessen antagonisms in the Party.

"The Negro comrade named FREDDY said that, in his opinion, there was too much subjectivity in the National Committee, but he felt generally that the outlook was healthy and he felt encouraged, finally, that the question of organization was the major problem facing the Party.

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"CAL GOODMAN spoke on reconstruction; that we must develop techniques of getting the clubs involved in activity; that we must develop an educational program, and he appealed for the development of legalizing channels for people who had left the organization.

"HORACE ALEXANDER spoke on the error of premature organizational moves which stifle ideological differences. He felt that this was what was happening in the National Committee. He spoke at some length on the Chinese theory of letting all the flowers blossom and he pointed out what he described the ludicrous situation in the National Committee where CLARK, a so-called extreme right element, is threatened with removal from his post for criticizing the people removed in the Soviet Union on charges of left positions and that this certainly is something that should not be tolerated. He also said that we were very highly over-estimating our own importance. He spoke at considerable length on the question of relative truth and absolute truth, making the point that we could only understand reality in terms of our participation in it and that we had better start participating in some of the reality in some of the mass work around us.

"JANE SWANHUYSER stated that the figures in the report on drops were completely valueless; that the only mandate of the National Convention was to debate issues, not that any final positions were reached on any major political issues. She said that one of the clubs in her section has outlined a year's campaign and study on the question of poetry and Marxism and she urged that all other clubs consider the possibility of developing programs which will be of real interest to their membership, not programs that are necessarily those outlined by the District Council or the Party organization as a whole as the most important ones. She also recommended that we begin to take a new look at our relations with other socialist organizations.

"JOHN MANNING spoke on the question of establishing a free atmosphere for debate and the right to dissent; that we should move our Party around the question of developing a program on the problems facing the American people.

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"SOPHIE SILVER spoke on the fact that, in her opinion, the weakness of the reports was that they did not relate in any way to immediate problems in Southern California. She felt that the members who went to the National Committee meeting should have related these reports to the question of the aircraft layoffs and the H bomb tests in Southern California.

"JIM FOREST spoke on the necessity to accentuate the positive, to spend less time on questions like the CLARK issue. He said we are beginning to develop a psychology of the 'good guys' and the 'bad guys' and if we are not careful we will be in the position, for example, of identifying CHARLENE as one of the bad guys because she has taken a political position which is in agreement with the FOSTER grouping, whereas this is not the dominant thinking in Southern California.

"BERNIE LUSHER, on the question of the anti-monopoly coalition, felt that we must begin to develop a concrete approach to the question of building the anti-monopoly coalition in all communities, taking advantage of the traditional hostility of the American people toward monopoly.

"JEAN KOVNER spoke on the question raised in DOROTHY HEALEY's report around the WINTER motion regarding making it obligatory of Party membership, when speaking in the name of the Party, to present the official Party line. She said she felt that people speaking in the name of the Party should be bound to speak in line with the official position of the Party, regardless of their personal position. There was a flurry of applause to this sentiment. She then read a brief resolution submitted by her section requesting six-month financial audits and reports to the District Council.

"MANNY stated that, in his opinion, the District Council did not play the role that it was his understanding it would. He had felt that the Council would be the place where there would be an exchange of information as to what is going on in the sections and the clubs. He suggested that hereafter all Council meetings provide for five-minute rundowns from each section on what is taking place in their sections that might be of interest and value to the other sections.

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"The next speaker I don't know at all. This person is a male, about 48 or 49, weight about 200, Jewish, shaggy haired, very sloppy dresser, wore a mustache, building trades worker, spoke on the buildings trade strike, the hod carriers' settlement, and said that the plumbers would be next in line for a settlement. He raised the question of the possibility of an injunction being handed down in the building trades strike. He urged that the District Council begin to consider such questions which are of tremendous importance to workers in the Southern California area.

"CLAY, a Negro man, kspoke on the right to dissent and on the H bomb and civil rights campaign. He looks like ADMIRAL DAWSON.

"DOROTHY FOREST said that while there had been a lot of discussion about why people drop out of the Party she would like to raise the question of why people stayed in the Party and what kind of people they were and recommended that we start taking a look at these people in order to approach the question of reconstruction.

"HOWARD, from San Bernardino, spoke on the anti-monopoly coalition and the problem of the poultry industry in San Bernardino. He said that the Party out there is beginning to develop a program around taxes calling for a progressive reduction of income tax and he related this to the question of the anti-monopoly coalition.

"FRANK WHITLEY spoke on the need for more attention to theory and the need to develop a theoretical position in relation to monopoly and the Negro people's struggle and its relation to the labor movement.

"NEIL CROWE stated that, in his opinion, the question of factionalism was not too disturbing; that we had factionalism in the National Committee before we knew about it and it will always continue to exist because the very nature of some of the people who are participating in the factional struggles make it inevitable that such struggle will continue. He said that, in his opinion, there were many positive developments. He pointed to the

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assignment of personnel for many national commissions, the similar appointment of personnel on a district basis in Southern California, the beginning to set up apparatus in education and other places, the motion toward the organization of conferences around such questions as the trade union movement, the Negro question, and so on, and the fact that the District Council, at least, had begun to take up questions like the local building trades strike.

"JESSIE JOSEPHSON recommended that the District Council hear only the most minute reports of the action taken at National Committee meetings and that any discussion by the District Council not take place until after receipt of the full printed material in order to make it possible for Council members to read over the material and prepare their comments in advance of Council meetings. She reported on her section, which, she said, is a new section composed of some AFL union people, some CIO union people, and which is largely an experimental section. She said they have set up a section council which has stated that the main policy decisions will be made at the club level so they can fit the problem in each industry. Club reports are made at a section level. For example, she said the machinists' report regarding the aircraft layoffs. She also mentioned in passing the steel club. I think those were the only two clubs she mentioned as part of that section.

"ROSE CHERNIN thanked the District Council for the privilege of attending this meeting, though she was not a member of the District Council. She commented upon the irony of 'Life' magazine becoming the spokesman for the struggle in the South and the further irony of Senator KNOWLAND emerging as the leader of the Negro people's struggle.

"FRANCES LYM was extremely critical of the report given by JIM FOREST for the education committee and critical also of the report made back to her section from the section organizers meeting on this subject. She said that, in her opinion, it was the most sterile report she

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had ever heard and that she has heard a number of sterile reports; that there was not one idea presented that was less than 30 years old. She said that her section is approaching the question of education on a basic level of: what is Marxism? what is the class struggle? what is the content of the anti-monopoly coalition? and so on; that her section has certain questions regarding the anti-monopoly coalition and a general feeling that this represents a little bit of the lesser evil theory.

"PHIL RAFALOW stated that, in his opinion, District Council meetings are extremely confusing and that they should only take up one or two things and that they should be better organized so notes could be taken on one subject at a time instead of covering the entire material covered in the reports. He recommended that there be taken up in detail at the next Council meeting the question of the building trades strike.

"At this point, FRANK WHITLEY announced the District Committee meeting on Negro affairs to be held on August 16, 1957, at 5967 South Figueroa Street, and urged all District Council members to attend if possible.

"There was then discussion on the question of what the agenda for the next District Council meeting should be. It was finally agreed that the question of the content of the 'People's World' would be the main point for discussion; that the question of legislative program and of the conduct and content of District Council meetings be set over to the October meeting of the District Council, which will be an all-day Sunday meeting.

"The Council meeting was adjourned about 4:35 PM.

"Present, in addition to those previously mentioned,
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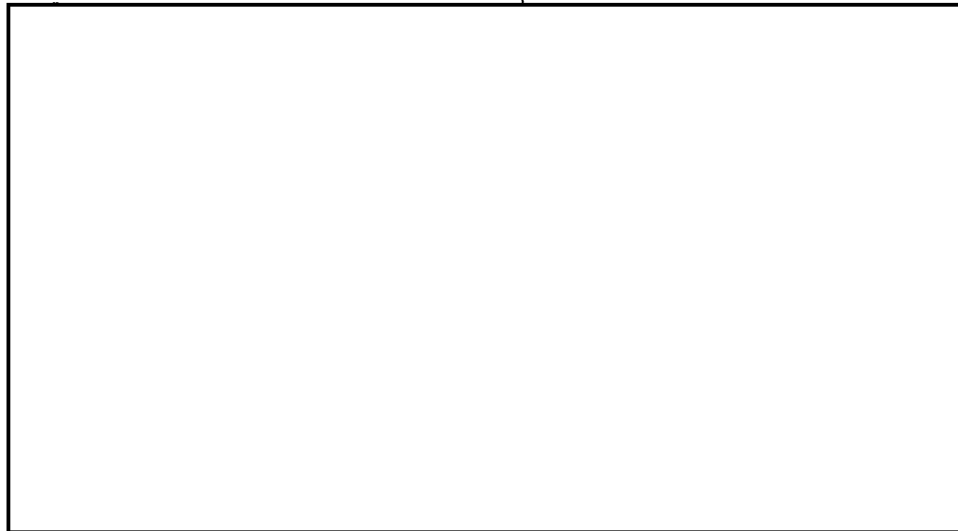
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ACTION: Informant advised on 8/19/57 that [redacted] was neither [redacted]

Informant identified photograph of [redacted] as the unidentified [redacted] mentioned on page 14 of report.

Informant stated that [redacted] was with [redacted] and was a middle-aged white woman.

Informant was thoroughly interviewed regarding this report and could furnish no additional information.

Channelizing of this report was delayed because of the necessity of recontacting informant several times to clarify its contents.

All other necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 9/16/57

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-1934)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re: Bulet to New York, 8/16/57, instructing that all offices submit a letter to the Bureau outlining steps taken to cover Communist Party membership registration.

The quarterly letter from the Knoxville Office to the Bureau, 6/19/57, reported the fact that in this Division there has been no one collecting Communist Party dues, which has been the situation for almost a year. Quarterly letters submitted by the Knoxville Office have previously advised that during the past year there has been no active Communist Party organization in this Division as such, and that Communist Party sympathizers and former dues-paying members limited their association and activities to occasional social gatherings and to personal, social visits.

The Knoxville Office, in the past, has covered the activities of the Communist Party sympathizers and members, who were in good standing when dues were being paid, primarily through the services of two regularly-paid informants. Due to the lack of activity in Communist affairs and since these informants were unable to supply any positive information, the Bureau withdrew authorization for payment to these informants on a regular monthly basis. Since these informants were unable to supply any information for which they might be paid strictly on a c.o.d. basis, their services were subsequently discontinued and at the present time they are carried as sources of information.

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- ① - New York (100-80638) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Birmingham (100-147) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Memphis (100-2198) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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A review of the reports submitted by these informants reflects that when they last inquired of [redacted] Communist Party leader, concerning the payment of dues, [redacted] advised them to the effect that she was no longer collecting dues and due to the confusion then existing, she did not know to whom dues could be remitted. She advised informants that in the future when she did receive any information or if anyone did contact her who would be in a position to collect dues, she would refer this person to informants so that they might pay their dues.

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Pursuant to Bureau letter of August 16, 1957, that all efforts should be made toward completely covering Communist Party membership data resulting from the coming registration, the two informants referred to above were contacted on 8/30/57. They advised that they had not received any information concerning membership or a Communist Party registration campaign in the future. They advised that if such information comes to their attention they will advise the Knoxville Office.

The Knoxville Office utilizes spot-check surveillances of SI subjects and Communist Party sympathizers and former members. If there is any indication that Communist Party activities are being revived in this Division as reflected from the spot-check surveillances, or from information received from the above former informants, immediate steps will be taken to identify the person responsible for the membership campaign and registration. At that time plans will be made to utilize techniques which will make this information available.

It is realized, since the Communist Party has been inactive in this Division, that if a registration is commenced it will afford an excellent opportunity to obtain initial information regarding the Party in this Division, as well as opportunities for the possible development of live informants.

Therefore, Agents handling security work have been alerted to this situation and all efforts will be made to fully develop all information in this respect.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/12/57

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: C P USA MEMBERSHIP
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Re memo of SA [redacted] 8/23/57.

This is to advise all PSI's, Confidential Sources and Neighborhood Sources in the area covered by the White Plains Resident Agency have been alerted to report any information of value concerning Communist Party registration.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (7-4)

DATE:

FROM : SA [redacted]

9/12/57

SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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Re memo [redacted] 8/23/57.

On 9/12/57 the writer contacted [redacted] and [redacted]

These sources were advised of the impending registration drive of the CP this fall and were instructed to be alert to the possibilities of membership in the CP.

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TO : SAC NEW YORK
ATTN: SUPV. W.P. DIX

DATE: 9-13-57

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: CPUSA MEMBERSHIP
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On 9-13-57, contact was made with the following confidential sources, alerting them to advise of any information coming to their attention in the immediate future pertaining to any recruiting activities on the part of the CP USA.

All stated that they would immediately notify the writer in the event such information should be learned:

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DATE:

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: C.P. USA, Membership.
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The following sources were contacted and alerted for any information concerning recruitment and registration of Communist party members in the Nassau County area.

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former sources [redacted]

In addition neighborhood sources have been recontacted and alerted for any information concerning possible meetings and C.P. activity

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TO : SAC New York

DATE: 9/16/57

FROM : SA Howard V. Carter

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Re memo of Supervisor
dated 8/23/57.

This is to advise that informants and reliable sources in the Kingston Resident Agency have been contacted and alerted concerning CP interest and activities in connection with delegates who attended the Sixth World Youth Festival in Moscow.

Sources have also been alerted regarding the CP rep recruitment program and the re-registration project of the party.

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Rebulet 8/16/57, instructing all offices to submit a letter outlining steps taken to cover the forthcoming CP membership registration.

The only information received on the forthcoming CP membership drive subsequent to rebulet was that furnished by [redacted] on 9/18/57 relative to a Queens County CP Committee meeting held on 9/17/57. [redacted] CP Chairman, announced that the CP would hold a registration drive starting in November 1957 and lasting through February 1958. [redacted] said that prior to November the National Committee of the CP would hold a pre-registration discussion to iron out the details of this registration. Also, since there has been considerable criticism of the present dues system used by the Party, this discussion will formulate a revised dues schedule for CP members. [redacted] announced that since most of the comrades are way behind in their CP dues payments it has been decided to cancel all delinquent payments prior to September 1957. At the time of the registration, pressure will be put on the delinquent members to have them make a voluntary contribution to the current press drive.

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It will be noted that previously the NYO had received information that the registration drive was to end 1/1/58, whereas [redacted] stated above that it would continue through February 1958. Any information received clarifying the above discrepancy by the NYO will be furnished to the Bureau.

Relative to the plans of the NYO to cover the forthcoming registration, the following is submitted:

The NYO will continue to cover various CP meetings as it has in the past and using all types of coverage commensurate with security. It is felt that as happened in Queens, above, the registration drive will be discussed by all the CP groups at their future meetings. The types of meetings which we expect to cover are meetings of Clubs, sections, Counties and meetings of the State and National organizations. In addition, we expect to cover meetings of the various groups of

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the Industrial Division of the CP. The NYO has in the past and expects in the future to cover meetings of the Industrial Board itself, which undoubtedly will go into the registration drive in detail.

Examples of the coverage which we expect to have are: NY 2040-S*, which can furnish information SID STEIN maintains in his home; NY 2002-S*, which furnishes information on CP National office; NY 2017-S*, which furnishes information on CP State offices; NY 2045-S*, which furnishes information on New York State Committee; and NY 2050-S*, which furnishes information on the New York State Board. It is felt that the NYO will receive much information relative to the registration drive from these sources.

In addition, the NYO has other sensitive sources which can be recontacted, such as NY 2046-S*, which furnishes information on [redacted] who is the New York County Membership and Financial Secretary. This should supply excellent information on the details and progress of the registration drive in New York County. Other similar sources previously developed by the NYO can also furnish information.

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In addition to the above, efforts will be made to develop additional similar sources with respect to individuals who could be expected to maintain information relative to the registration drive.

The NYO has alerted all informants to report detailed information relative to the membership drive. One such informant, [redacted] is in a position to provide excellent information on the registration drive once it commences.

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Of course, the NYO will attempt to take full advantage of the membership drive in order to get our PSI'S into the Party.

The importance of full coverage on this membership drive is fully realized and the NYO will make every effort to develop all the details with reference to the drive and keep the Bureau fully informed of plans for such and the progress of the drive itself.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

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CG 5824-S* on 9/17/57 made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING for photostating a copy of a typewritten letter. This letter is addressed "Dear Comrades", is undated and is not signed. It is noted that this letter proposes a new dues schedule for members of the CP, USA. This letter also states that National Committee members are being polled in regard to this contemplated change in the dues schedule. In this regard, the letter states in part, "We are urging that the vote and the opinions of all members of the National Committee be recorded and returned to us immediately, so that registration material and dues payment forms can be sent out prior to October 1st which is the date when our National Registration is scheduled to open."

CG 5824-S* orally advised SA KEATING on 9/18/57 that while copies of this letter were passed out to those in attendance at the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA, held during the week-end of 9/14, 15/57, the informant does not recall that there was any vote taken to obtain the approval of the NEC for the contents of this letter. Informant stated, however, that this letter was approved by the National Administrative Committee and undoubtedly will be sent to all districts in a more formal manner in the immediate future.

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 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds (19))
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ReBulet to New York dated August 16, 1957.

This office, in particular since the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, continues to remain alert to any possible recruiting and/or registration activities on the part of the District.

Confidential Informants, PSIs, Panel Sources and Confidential Sources have been realerted, in view of the contents of referenced letter, for information relating to a registration campaign in this area. The last known registration in this District took place prior to the above-mentioned 16th National Convention.

Several Informants have advised that the Party locally is attempting to reactivate former members who have dropped out of the Party in the past year or so. They do not intend at this time to recruit "new" people into the Party, but observe certain people close to the Party and possibly recruit them in a few months.

At present this office has live informant coverage in four of the five Councils (formerly called Sections) covering the District. To date information from these Informants coupled with the information received regularly from anonymous sources has not indicated a registration drive is in progress. However, this office will continue in its efforts to determine the identity of all members of the CP locally and for any possible reregistration on the Party's behalf.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 16, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Sid Stein, organizational secretary, national administrative committee, has indicated before members of the national committee that there would be a nationwide registration of Communist Party (CP) members this fall. He also proposed the Party engage in a patient campaign of education in an effort to retain people who disagree with some parts of the Party program and friendly persuasion in other cases to influence those to rejoin who have left. Stein called for the creation of auxiliary organizations not to replace the Party but rather comprised chiefly of ex-Party members who would retain their own identity yet continue to cooperate with the Party. William Z. Foster,

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on the other hand, declared himself in favor of campaigning in a big way. He said he felt the spirit is good, especially in light of the Supreme Court decisions, and if the Party will arouse the people and organize a national recruiting drive thousands will join.

The field should make certain that all efforts are geared toward completely developing CP membership data resulting from the coming registration. The techniques and sources that will make this information available are well known to the field. The techniques must be well planned and sources properly alerted in order to take advantage of the opportunities as they occur.

All offices will submit a letter to reach the Bureau by September 20, 1957, outlining steps taken to cover the CP membership registration. This letter should also contain a synopsis of any information developed to date in this regard as well as the type of organized campaign, if any, being pursued by the CP in the respective field office territories.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)

DATE: 8/29/57

FROM: SA MERLE L. PARKER

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	8/4/57	8/13/57	Writer	[redacted]
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cc: [redacted]

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JACK STACHEL
JOHN GATES
ROBERT THOMPSON
PETTIS PERRY
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100-13543	(C. WINTER)	100-23069	[REDACTED]
100-33047	[REDACTED]	100-30275	[REDACTED]
100-24060	(B. ALBERTSON)	100-24753	[REDACTED]
100-23356	(J. FORREST) SI	100-20737	[REDACTED]
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"Los Angeles, California
August 5, 1957

"A meeting of the Southern California District, CP, USA, District Council was held at Park Manor on Western Avenue in Los Angeles beginning Sunday morning, August 4, 1957. The meeting was chaired by DOROTHY HEALEY and the main topic of the meeting was concerned with a report from the four Southern California delegates to the National Committee and the results of the recent National Committee meeting. This National Committee meeting had been mainly devoted to a political report by EUGENE DENNIS and an organizational report by SID STEIN. It was stated that one-third of the meeting time of the National Committee was taken up with a move by BEN DAVIS and WILLIAM FOSTER to depose JOE CLARK as Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker." This proposal was defeated by a vote of 27 to 12, with CHARLENE MITCHELL the only Southern California delegate voting to depose CLARK.

"The other three Los Angeles delegates to the convention were DOROTHY HEALEY, BEN DOBBS and DON WHEELDIN.

"DON WHEELDIN in his report dealt mainly with DENNIS' analysis of the political situation in the U. S. at the present time. DENNIS had pointed out that a schism exists between the Stassen-Herter forces in the Republican Party and the Dulles-Knowland forces. DENNIS stated that the Stassen group has been more responsive than the Knowland group to pro-peace movements, while the Dulles group has been the main aggressive force seeking to hold back any espionage or improvement in East-West relations. He stated that the main force of Wall Street was fearful of the economic consequences of a major reduction in arms. However, the other forces in the Republican Party are concerned about inflation as well as the rising peace movement and have been fighting for an improvement in East-West relations. This conflict has produced a vacillating administration policy.

"Against this background the most important popular movement in the country today is the movement to end A-bomb and H-bomb tests. DENNIS called for greater attention to the development of local aspects to this problem, citing his own letter to the President on this question as a starting point.

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"As an answer to the problem of unemployment raised by impending arms cutbacks, DENNIS proposed the need for pressing broader economic relations between East and West. He also stated that campaigns are needed for health and safety measures to guard the local populations in specific areas from radio active hazards. He indicated that there is a need to bring about greater participation of women's organizations in the anti-bomb testing struggle, particularly local women's clubs, church groups and parents organizations.

"There is also a great need to link this struggle to the Negro liberation movement, particularly in terms of the Indian and Japanese appeals to end bomb testing. DENNIS noted that until recently, organized labor had not been very active on this question but that WALTER REUTHER and JAMES CAREY have now come out with a strong statement for banning A-bomb and H-bomb tests. These statements should be popularized in the trade unions and should be coupled with a campaign for tax reduction and for the establishment of a 30-hour work week.

"All in all, the program to ban testing is the best example of how to build an anti-monopoly coalition, bringing in also the problem of curbing the rights of the powerful monopolies who are engaged in building nuclear weapons, replacing the work of private companies with publicly owned nuclear facilities.

"During the discussion period on DENNIS' report, JACK STACHEL, speaking for the present committee, reported that some consideration is being given to reducing the "Daily Worker" to four pages. He stated that the present committee had discussed the possibility of removing JOE CLARK from his job as Foreign Editor in view of his columns criticizing the lack of public discussion in the Soviet Union surrounding the removal of MALENKOV, MOLOTOV, et al. STACHEL noted a resolution from the Chicago Party demanding CLARK's removal. He also noted that JOHN GATES had taken issue with CLARK's article in the pages of the "Daily Worker" and that in recent weeks GATES had been fighting consistently to protect the line of the National Convention.

"The press committee unanimously recommended that CLARK not be removed from his post and that individuals who disagreed with him should avail themselves of the facilities of the "Daily Worker" for answering his position point by point.

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"STACHEL's report was accepted by the group, after which BEN DAVIS moved for CLARK's removal as Foreign Editor. DON WHEELDIN commented that in his opinion the whole issue of JOE CLARK's job is a phony issue obscuring the real need for struggling with the differences in ideology where these differences still exist throughout the Party. It is WHEELDIN's opinion that the left minority still sees itself as a faction within the Party leadership and is maneuvering to avoid a headon ideological conflict with the majority of the CP.

"SID STEIN's report presents several important ideological questions, but these questions have not been tackled by the National Committee. Meanwhile, said WHEELDIN; the seepage of membership continues. The figure of 10,000 members which SID STEIN cited at the National Committee as the present strength of the Party is probably greatly inflated over the real membership, according to WHEELDIN.

"JOHN GATES gave what WHEELDIN considers the best answer on the issue of CLARK's removal by pointing out that the fight against right opportunism has not been coupled in recent months with the fight against left sectarianism, particularly in the case of FOSTER's and GEORGE MORRIS' articles in the "Daily Worker" which, by the attitude that "the Soviet Union can do no wrong," WHEELDIN said that it is time to cut out the head chopping and concentrate on ideological struggle.

"WHEELDIN noted that at this meeting, BOB THOMPSON, PETTIS PERRY, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, WILLIAM WEINSTOCK and ALEX BITTLEMAN were present for the first time since their release from prison. He stated that he believes ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN will be a very healthy influence in the life of the National Executive Committee, of which she is now a member, and he indicated that PETTIS PERRY is planning to set up residence in Los Angeles at an early date.

"WHEELDIN's report was followed by BEN DOBBS, who reported mainly on SID STEIN's analysis of organization problems at the National Committee meeting. He stated that STEIN's report consumed two hours and was followed by 15 hours of discussion. This report treated theoretical and political problems of organization rather than ethical problems. An effort was made in

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this report to estimate the stage of progress of the Party and the degree to which organization is getting under way.

"HERBERT APTHECKER was proposed as the Editor of "Political Affairs," the theoretical organ of the CP, and AL BLUMBERG was proposed and accepted as Legislative Director of the Party.

"Cited as the basic obstacles against better organization of the Party were the need for fuller debate of unsolved issues, the need for unity within the CP around common objectives and some understanding of why we need a Party at this time. The latter point concerned with how we can effectively build the Party was answered in such a manner as to make FOSTER believe, from BEN DOBBS' point of view, that the asertion of a need for a Party is in some way an affirmation of his position. However, DOBBS pointed out that every CP in the world now needs correction, rectification, and renewal of its approach in order to go forward. FOSTER's viewpoint regarding the need for simple "reaffirmation" of loyalty to the Party is not enough. What is needed, according to DOBBS, is a reconstruction of the Party. In practice, many of those remaining in the Party are still fighting against the decisions of the 16th National Convention. In fact, one movement in New York of ultra leftists is even talking of a new "power" Marxist Party, while others who have lost perspective and failed to see progress being made, have left the Party disillusioned.

"DOBBS quoted STEIN on the following comparative figures for the estimated strength of the Party at the present time as compared with 1956 registration:

"New York was 8800, now 3000
New England was 387, now 150
Eastern Pennsylvania was 600, now 450
Western Pennsylvania was 120, now 85
Ohio was 585, now 450
Illinois was 1000, now 650
Minnesota was 272, now 200
Washington State was 350, now 300
New Jersey was 730, now 600
Connecticut was 200, now 100
Wisconsin was 164, now 125
California was 2900, now 2200

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"Total was 17,000, now 10,000

"Estimated loss in Southern California, approximately 25 per cent.

"At best, said DOBBS, these are guesses. Many of the 10,000 claimed members are presently inactive. On the other hand, few of the people who have left are really hostile.

"STEIN stated that hundreds remaining in the Party are still determined to rebuild the organization. The heaviest losses quoted are in areas in which factionalism has been heaviest and where leadership has abdicated its responsibility.

"The question arises whether the Party has lost its moorings, can it get along without the people who have left? Is the Party changing too slowly; can we open the doors for free debate on the struggle of ideas?

"STEIN stated that the Labor Commission under FRED FINE will hold a national conference early in November and that an organizational conference will be held in October.

"With regard to the proposals for building a broader Marxist movement, STEIN holds that an indispensable condition for a mass Marxist movement is the rebuilding of our own Party.

"It was stated that HI LUMER, as Educational Director, has material in preparation for a series of topic pamphlets on subjects such as inflation, labor, the H-bomb, farming, the right to vote, taxes and youth. In addition, the Education Department is planning a series of educational pamphlets on the Party as well as a series of labor and text material to be used in classes. STEIN also dealt with the problem of organizationally rebuilding the Party. He pointed out that there must be concerted direct attention to those who have recently left the Party in order to win them back, if possible. There is a need for new groupings, systematic visitations and circularization of these people.

"DOBBS stated that the "People's World" financial drive is 42.2 per cent complete.

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"During a short pause while the tape was changed on the tape recorder, which recorded all speeches at the District meeting and which was operated by DON WHEELDIN, announcements were made which dealt with an emergency mass meeting called for August 16, 1957, at Channing Hall, in defense of the five Spanish seamen who are seeking political asylum from FRANCO. It is expected that AL WIRIN, the American Civil Liberties Union attorney, will be the main speaker at this meeting.

"DOROTHY FORREST spoke briefly on the amicus curiae brief in defense of MORTON SOBELL which the Sobell Committee is circulating. One version of this brief is being circulated among notable people, while the other version is to receive mass circularization.

"It was decided that the next District Council meeting would be held on Friday, September 13, 1957, at 8:00 p.m. at Park Manor.

"Returning to DOBBS' report, it was stated that the essential problem of the Party as an organization is one of developing and promoting disciplined class consciousness of the working class. DOBBS indicated that the proceedings of the National Committee meeting would be available to District Council members during August.

"In summing up, he stated that the main points of issue at the National Committee meeting were the countering of the attack by FOSTER, DAVIS, LOHMAN and CHARLENE ALEXANDER, which he considered to be based on a resistance to changing and an inability to be flexible. The inference which FOSTER seems to imply is that "at last you people want to build a Party; therefore, I am right." DOBBS noted that WILLIE WEINSTONE, who has largely supported FOSTER's position, took sharp issue at the National Committee meeting with this approach by FOSTER. FOSTER is opposed to any extra Party groupings or efforts to recapture the allegiance of recently dropped Party members.

"DOBBS stated that the old battle lines are still present and that leftism within the Party is still the main danger.

"He noted that registration has been planned on a national scale of Party members for this fall.

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"The next report was given by CHARLENE MITCHELL, who indicated that she found DENNIS' political report had a great deal of depth. She stated that we are able to agree on many mass issues and that she is critical of STEIN's organizational report because it did not include anything on youth or women. She also was unable to discover how many trade union and Negro members have recently left the Party, and she was inclined to agree with WEINSTONE's criticism of FOSTER in that reiterating the danger represented by the GATES group did not make a very big contribution to the health of the Party.

"She noted that MANNY BLUM feels that the right camp does not see imperialism in its correct role and that JOHN GATES particularly had opposed APTHECKER's recent book on Hungary. She also noted that GATES had threatened to resign his position if CLARK was removed. She considered this to be an incorrect position.

"Following the CLARK discussion, she indicated, CARL WINTER made a motion that all important leaders of the Party must follow the line of the National Convention when speaking in the name of the Party.

"DOROTHY HEALEY made a motion to table WEINSTONE's motion, which received the supporting votes of only DOROTHY HEALEY and JOHN GATES. WEINSTONE's motion was subsequently passed by the National Committee.

"With regard to the California appeal on the BILL TAYLOR case, the National Committee took the action that his expulsion had been bureaucratic and inhuman and that the delay in taking action on his case violated his Constitutional rights. She also noted that the appeal on the New Jersey case had been withdrawn and will be reviewed by the New Jersey Party apparatus.

"DOROTHY HEALEY then spoke, indicating that more information would be available on the BILL TAYLOR case at the next District Council meeting. She disagreed with CHARLENE, stating that our inner problems do not diminish as we tackle mass questions, pointing out for example that the resolution which she brought to the National Committee from the Los Angeles Scientists and

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Engineers Club regarding the unilateral banning of H-bomb tests by the Soviet Union had not even been touched upon by DENNIS in his report but because of its "controversial" nature was referred to the National Executive Committee. What is needed is a greater sensitivity to new approaches. There has been too much discussion on the pro-CLARK issue and the content of this discussion has been bad. No one has attempted to show how his position is anti-Party. It is time that we learn to document our charges against Party members. CHARLENE voted for the removal of JOE CLARK but could not justify her vote in terms of issue. HI LUMER has no right to say flatly that JOE CLARK is not a Marxist. It is time that we stopped harping on words and deal with issues. It is time that DAVIS begin talking about the infractions which are taking place within the Negro movement.

"DOROTHY HEALEY noted that BILL ALBERTSON, of Detroit, Michigan, was concerned that an industrial group wanted to study JOHN STRACHEY's latest report. DOROTHY HEALEY favors the encouraging of Party groups to begin to take an interest in non-Party materials of this kind.

"The main problem of the Party in this period is to avoid doctrinal error and dogmatic positions. We cannot defend positions with which we do not agree regardless of motions of the kind CARL WINTER proposed to the National Committee. If APHECKER can write publicly about Hungary on which the Party has as yet no clear position, then so can JOE CLARK. The Party can afford to tolerate individuals with this point of view. She was surprised to discover the fresh point of view held by ALEX BITTLEMAN but even more surprised to discover that BITTLEMAN has for many years had differences with the National Committee which he had not been permitted to discuss openly.

"We must stop being afraid to take up new and controversial problems. We face a great danger of still assuming that we are always right.

"The meeting was adjourned for lunch, after which BETTY WILLETT was proposed as District Literature Director on a non-full time basis, and DOROTHY FORREST was proposed as Civil Liberties Director.

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"JIM FORREST then spoke briefly for the Education Department, reporting on the work to date of this group and the meeting which he had held with Section Organizers. He pin-pointed the urgent situation in literature and the need to plan Section education programs as well as the need for each Section to select an Education Director.

"A meeting is to be held on Friday evening, September 6, 1957, at the Hungarian-American Hall for Section Education Directors. This is to be preceded by a preliminary meeting on education to be held Friday night, August 9, 1957, at 8:00 p.m., 3316 Hollypark Drive, Apartment 4, Inglewood.

"SOPHIE SILVER rose at this point to request on behalf of her Section that the District publish material on H-bomb and A-bomb tests and right-to-work bills, these pamphlets to be particularly angled at trade union consumption.

"Discussion then began on the reports of the National Committee members. This discussion was inaugurated by HARRY DANIELS, who made the point that it is time that the Party get down to practical questions. He is particularly concerned about bringing the unions to fight the H-bomb testing.

"A delegate named FREDDIE _____ spoke on the importance of beginning to recruit.

"CAL GOODMAN then spoke briefly on the need for a reconstruction program aimed at finding channels to retain contacts with people who have recently left the Party.

"The next speaker was HORACE ALEXANDER, who also spoke on the need for rebuilding and reconstructing the Party. He said there had been too much emphasis on the importance of the Party and not enough stress on the Party's participating collectively in important programs. We have not yet overcome left sectarianism through building our own practical participation in the daily life of our society.

"JANE SWANHUYSER spoke next, commenting on the issue which had been raised at the National Committee concerning the National Convention's line. She stated that there are still many ways of interpreting the con-

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vention decisions since they were fundamentally compromises. Therefore, it was ridiculous to think of insisting that an individual adhere strictly to the National Convention line. With regard to the question of the necessity of the Party, she stated that everyone can agree that a Party is necessary. The question to be answered is "Is this Party necessary?" She indicated that she was shocked to hear that the National Office plans to publish a large group of pamphlets in a short period of time. How can this be done when there are so many question of which the Party has no specific answers? The main problem is to analyze and consider the problems and avoid hastily coming to conclusions.

"The next speaker was a delegate named JOHNNY _____, who indicated that he feels we should get to work soon. We are still spending too much time asserting our own self-importance.

"The next speaker was SOPHIE SILVER, who raised the question of when we can get down to practical issues.

"The next speaker was JIM FOREST, who stated that while it is nice to have an awareness of what is going on in the National Center of the Party, this in now way helps us to get down to our own business. We must begin tackling our own pressing problems. This is the main concern of the Southern California District.

"BERNIE LUSHER then spoke, addressing himself to the questions, what does anti-monopoly coalition mean, and is this particular Party necessary at this time? He answered that the anti-monopoly coalition is a strategic line with which the American masses have long been historically alive. He went on to relate this coalition is the need for large mass grouping to end H-bomb testing.

"The next speaker was JEAN KOVNER. She indicated that she feels those people who speak for the Party should at least express the views of the majority and should, of course, speak in a responsible manner. She also stated that she has a resolution from her Section to submit to the District Council calling for semiannual financail reports. (The reference was made that members of the Section from which she comes feel that there is need to safeguard the financial integrity of the Party at this time.)

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"The next speaker was a short, stocky delegate named MANNY SINGER, who indicated that he is a delegate from the Valley. It is his feeling that the Council has the main purpose of making policy for the District and, therefore, should begin to review the work of the individual clubs and Sections. He feels that discussions of this kind are meaningless because they are unrelated to the daily life of the Party clubs. He commented in passing on the importance of the SOBELL case.

"The next delegate was named MARLOW, who indicated that he is from the Building Trades Clubs. He spoke specifically about the current strike in building trades of plumbers, sheet metal workers and hod carriers. He indicated also that the insullation workers are about to go on strike. He stated that the main issue in the hod carriers strike was one of fighting speedup. The contractors have already agreed to a 60 per cent increase in employment rate by decreasing the number of plasterers which are to be serviced by each hod carrier. The sheet metal workers he stated have been signing contracts with independent contractors outside of the association. There is danger that the employers may get a permanent injunction to permit this. Such an injunction he stated would undoubtedly mean violence in the strike. He indicated that some signs of such violence had already occurred near the Russian River in Northern California. He called for discussions in the various Party clubs around the question of fighting these injunctions. In closing, he stated that he feels the H-bomb issues and civil rights are our main problems.

"The next speaker was DOROTHY FOREST, who addressed herself to the questions, why have we had so many people leave the Party and why are those remaining in continuing to maintain their membership? She answered that we must improve the work of the individuals within the Party and most important we must work on the development of District Commissions.

"The next speaker was HOWARD LOUCKS, of San Bernardino, who spoke on the anti-monopoly coalition as our next strategic goal. He indicated that the fight to reduce taxes is closely related to disarmament program and that specific plans must be made to relocate

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displaced aircraft workers in non-defense industry.

"The next speaker was FRANK WHITLEY, who spoke on the importance of developing better theoretical approaches to our work and particularly on the need for developing Negro labor unity.

"The next speaker was NEAL CROWE, who indicated that he is not too disturbed by reports of continued factionalism in the National Center. The good thing he said about the National Committee meeting is that it indicates that the work of the national organization is beginning to get under way. He is concerned that the civil rights program is moving so slowly.

"The next speaker was a delegate named JESSE JOSEPHSON, who asked that in the future some effort be made to minimize the content of the reports of National Committee delegates concerning their impressions, placing more emphasis on specific proposals for applications to problems concerning the District. The delegate also discussed the need for industrial clubs and called for a concrete policy on this question to be set up at the club level.

"The next speaker was ROSE CHERNIN, who inferred that she was present as an observer rather than a delegate. She called for the Party's getting into the realities of American life. She stated that DOROTHY should have characterized her disagreement with BEN DAVIS' article in "Political Affairs" in greater detail. With regard to JOE CLARK's controversial articles in the "Daily Worker", she indicated that she agrees with him, that the method of handling the deposition of MALENKOV, MOLOTOV, et al, was incorrect and should have involved greater discussion amongst the rank and file of the Soviet Party.

"The next speaker was FRANCES LYM, who indicated that she found the reports, particularly on education work, to be very sterile. She called upon the District to begin examining specific projects of this kind more closely.

"The next speaker was PHIL RAFALOW, who closed the discussion by stating that our approach to discussions of this kind need to be better organized around the need to work out policies. Industry he stated is facing new

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developments, including the drive for passage of State and Federal "right to scab" laws, as well as an eminent possibility of a sellout by the building trade unions who are now engaged in a fight against speedup in Los Angeles. He praised the actions of the ILWU, which has been actively supporting the plumbers strike by permitting striking plumbers to work on the docks in Los Angeles.

"In response to a question from ANITA ROSTODA, it was stated that the Negroes Affairs Committee will meet on August 16, 1957, at 5967 South Figueroa.

"A motion was then made that support be officially given by the District Council to fight against H-bomb testing; however, DOROTHY HEALEY indicated that a motion was passed at two meeting previous.

"JEAN KOVNER's request for financial reports was referred to the Constitution and By-laws Committee after BEN DOBBS pointed out that the by-laws already provide semi-annual reports of this kind.

"The problem of the future conduct of Council meetings, as well as the content of these meetings, was referred to the Board, which is to report with recommendations at the October meeting of the Council.

"With regard to the question of forthcoming registration of members, the point was raised that some consideration should be given to a possible postponement of registration until the Party is better organized than it is at the present time.

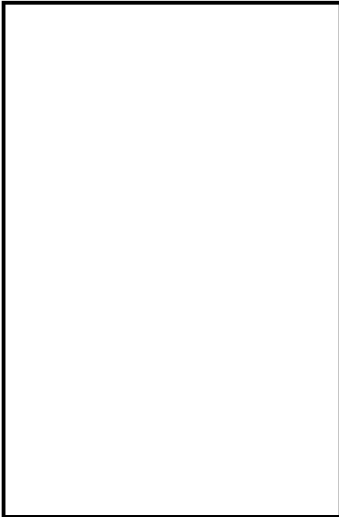
"A vote was then taken regarding the topic of the next meeting, and it was decided that emphasis would be given to the content of the "People's World" with an analysis of the trade union strike and of the issues of the 1958 election campaign to be deferred to a later meeting.

"The next meeting of the Council is to be held at Park Manor beginning at 7:30 Friday, September 13, 1957, and will be concluded at 11:30 in time to permit the out of town delegates to return to their homes.

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"Persons present at the mtg

"BEN DOBBS



DOROTHY HEALY



JIM FOREST



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ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above report and could furnish no additional information.

It is recommended that 100-subject files be opened on _____ in order to establish their identity.

All other necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 9/16/57

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-8973)

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NOTE: Information contained herein, if utilized for report purposes, should be carefully paraphrased to protect the identity of the source.

PG-148-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 5, 1957, advised [redacted] that a meeting was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on that date, at the apartment of [redacted] which was attended by STEVE NELSON, [redacted] all members District 5, CP.

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STEVE NELSON, at this meeting, stated that they should organize a larger meeting, wherein he would give his report on the New York (CP-USA National Committee) meeting, July 27, 29, 1957, but that he would go ahead at this time and give those present a report on the New York meeting. He stated

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 - 1 - 100-81675, (CP-USA PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
 - 1 - 100-18065, (JACK STACHEL) (#19)
 - 1 - 100-9365, (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#19)
 - 1 - 100-8057, (EUGENE DENNIS) (#19)
 - 1 - 100-(LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
 - 1 - 100-50090, (SIDNEY STEIN) (#19)
 - 1 - 100-17923, (JOHN GATES) (#19)
 - 1 - 100-14606, (JOSEPH CLARK) (#20-11)
 - 1 - 100-27452, (ROBERT THOMPSON)

1 - Chicago (100-COMINFIL OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM) (Info) (RM)

1 - Philadelphia (100-9882) (COMINFIL OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM) (Info) (RM)

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that as he had previously told them the main points on the agenda of that meeting were (1) The H Bomb; (2) The "Daily Worker"; and (3) A report on the Party Organization.

NELSON stated that EUGENE DENNIS made the first report which concerned the control of H weapons. DENNIS pointed out that interest in this had spread to many phases of life; that church groups throughout the country had taken an interest; and that it had reached various segments of the capitalist class itself; and that this movement is going strongly - mainly out of fear. He stated that more and more the country is aware of the dangers of strontium 90, and its effect on milk. He stated that the government has attempted to sidetrack this issue by saying that strontium 90 has no effect on milk. He stated that the effects of the H bomb can no longer be confined to any geographic area, and that it has the greatest effect on the northern hemisphere. He stated that DENNIS referred to the Radford-Dulles crowd, which is determined to continue the tests and to rule the world; and that their interests are the same as those of the Armament Trust. NELSON stated that he would not attempt to go into detail on the subject, as there would be data concerning it in the next issue of PA (Political Affairs).

~~8~~ NELSON stated that he would like to impress upon the comrades at this meeting that the question of the H bomb and fallout because of its very nature will be with them as long as they live, and that there is going to be an effect on human beings and mankind for a long time to come. He stated that even under socialism it will become a problem on how to control this, although it can be a tremendous benefit to mankind. The major problem now with plants using atomic energy is the disposal of its wastes, and at the present time, they place the wastes in lead casings and sink them into the ocean, but that this will become a dangerous problem should a ship drag its anchor and disturb this casing. He stated that they could bury this in the ground but the danger always exists that someone someday may drill into it. He stated that this problem is extremely close to the government, because the national Welfare, health, and safety are connected to it, but that the biggest problem at the present time is the general control of the atom as an international weapon.

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NELSON stated that their Party (CP) could play a tremendous role, not necessarily by itself, but with others in giving support to the movement, since no one else is going to raise the issues as clearly and sharply as do they. He stated that in some places their people had used the petition by the (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) "WIL" and they were quite successful in reaching a lot of people through it. He stated that in Chicago, a situation was had when someone from the Communist Party went to the office of the "WIL" and asked for 150 petitions for the Communist Party. He stated that this became an international case wherein the Chicago Office contacted the national office in New York, which in turn contacted the world office for advice regarding this. The "WIL" in turn withdrew that petition and issued another one wherein it was worded that they were against all forms of dictatorships, Fascism, Communism, etc. NELSON emphasized that they should not have asked for the petitions under the name of the Communist Party. NELSON related that DENNIS made mention of the Hague Treaty of 1925, whereby the use of poisonous gas was outlawed because several nations realized this danger. NELSON stated that DENNIS spoke for approximately two hours and that he was not able to sum up his talk entirely.

NELSON stated that the only (inaudible) difference that there was under this heading of discussion was when (WILLIAM Z.) FOSTER got up and made a speech on the role of American Imperialism, which is out to dominate the world. He added that JOHNNY GATES got up and disagreed with him, wherein he stated that it was wrong to stress that American Imperialism was out to dominate the world.

NELSON stated that the next major question concerned the "Daily Worker," and that JACK STACHEL made the report concerning this topic. He stated that there has been much discussion regarding the publication of the "Daily Worker" and there has been some discussion toward selling the plant because they have a rotary press, and that they can only run off a few papers an hour. He stated that what they need is a flat bed press which would serve their purposes. He stressed also that economy was a major factor and that they may possibly have to locate a place where they can operate more, which in turn would create a problem of layoffs, etc. He stated that this would mean an economy of approximately \$75,000 a year. It was pointed out that unless money starts coming in from everywhere, and that something is done about circularization, they might have to reduce the paper to four pages daily, an idea which was not liked by anyone, but that it was necessary for them to face the facts.

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NELSON stated that the big discussion at the meeting was around JOE CLARK, and the recent developments regarding the Soviet Union and the "Daily Worker's" position on this matter. He stated that the "Daily Worker" had an editorial which stressed that the Soviet Union was right regarding peace etc., and then JOE CLARK had a piece in the "Daily Worker" in which he was very negative, and took a cold attitude, which indicated that the Soviet Union was hopeless. JOHNNY GATES then wrote an article in which he disagreed with CLARK. NELSON stated that he went to GATES when he arrived in New York, and told him that this should have been done long before because JOE CLARK had positively a certain "carping attitude." NELSON stated that a long debate at the meeting took place over this topic.

NELSON stated also that they will have to establish policy whereby columnists writing articles for the paper, "Daily Worker," will submit writings to an editorial board before they are published. He stated that now they are going to put out a bulletin where people have differences in opinion, and not use the "Daily Worker" to air these differences.

~~X~~ NELSON stated that next a lengthy and controversial report was given by SIDNEY STEIN concerning CP organization which caused considerable debate. He stated that STEIN gave the facts on the CP's organization and pointed out that since the CP Convention the membership has gone from approximately 17,000 to about 10,000; that the Party is at its lowest ebb in 30 years; that the retreat had not yet been stopped; and that many comrades were standing on the side waiting to see what will happen. He pointed out that something must be done to stop this retreat, and stated that the National Committee must recognize their sectarian errors because in the past they have not been able to correct their sectarianism or overcome their isolationism. He stressed that the form of organization was extremely important; that the small groups have been unable to handle the problem; and that these should be enlarged. He stated that they should personally consider each individual in the various groups and involve each into more activity because each group has two or three individuals who are on the edge whereby they do not pay dues, get literature, or participate in its activities. He stressed that where people get together for discussions they are intimate, trust each other, and get more accomplished, and that they should do everything possible where a comrade is going to play a role with a particular group of people. He stressed also that they should not criticize comrades who have stood on the side or walked out, but instead, go after them, if possible, and get them back into the Party.

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Concerning the Communist Party membership, NELSON stated that STEIN had related that the biggest loss was in New York, where the membership dropped from 8,000 to approximately 3500 or 4,000, and he also furnished the following statistics for other districts:

Eastern Pennsylvania	- 600 to 450;
Western Pennsylvania	- 120 to 85;
Ohio	- 588 to 450;
Michigan	- 411 to 300;
Illinois	- 1000 to 6 or 700;
Minnesota (inaudible)	- to 200;
Washington (State)	- 355 to 300;
New Jersey	- 730 to 600;
Connecticut	- 200 to 100;
California	- 2900 to 2200.

NELSON stated that he was not giving those in attendance a fair report on the New York meeting, but that when they get "it," they will go over it and discuss it again.

NELSON stated that stagnation has set in and that they are going to have to battle to overcome it, and the way they will overcome it in this area where they have a few comrades, is to work out what they can do in each field. He stated that in the "H" field some people could have a list of 75 to 100 individuals and mail out information - not necessarily in the name of the Party. He stated that the principal responsibility rests with them to get the literature and information into the hands of the comrades, who are sitting by on the sidelines since they have no other way of obtaining this literature. NELSON stated that there is a series of pamphlets being put out, and that he brought several home with him. He stated that he has ordered a few pamphlets and books on his own which will be there in a few days for them to read and circulate, and of these books he mentioned "High Finance" by VICTOR PERLO, which stressed the wealth of the ROCKEFELLERS, DUPONTs, and MELLONS.

NELSON then stated that BOB THOMPSON made a speech at the National Committee meeting which concerned broad issues - mainly the fight for civil liberties.

NELSON related that LOUIS WEINSTOCK then talked about the fight regarding jails, how our American prisoners were being exploited, in that prison made goods go into competition with that of free labor.

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NELSON suggested that this meeting be concluded and that they plan another to be held in a week or ten days where they would attempt to have at least ten comrades in attendance. He stated that they would concentrate on the national picture as a lead into their own problems.

One copy each of this letter is furnished Chicago and Philadelphia, in that reference is made to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at Chicago. According to Pittsburgh files, the Philadelphia Division is office of origin in the case concerning this organization.

The above is submitted for information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 9/24/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA ORGANIZATION
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On 9/19/57, [redacted] furnished the following oral report to SA JOHN A. HAAG of NYO and SA VINCENT E. MURPHY of Newark. ~~X~~

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- (1 - 100-3-81)(CPUSA International Relations)
- (1 - 100-3-75)(CPUSA Negro Question)
- (1 - 100-3-68)(CPUSA Membership)
- 1 - Chicago (100- [redacted]) (Info)(RM)
- 2 - Newark (100- [redacted]) (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100- [redacted]) (TOM NABRIED) (Info)(RM)
- 1 - NY (100-50090)(SID STEIN)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-89816)(FRED FINE)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-17923)(JOHN GATES)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (97-169)(Daily Worker)(#7-2)
- 1 - NY (100-9365)(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-14606)(JOSEPH CLARK)(#12-11)
- 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-52959)(CHARLES LOMAN)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-49149 [redacted])(#12-10)
- 1 - NY (100-13203 [redacted])(#12-14)
- 1 - NY (100-13644)(U.E.)(#7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C-43)(CP Kings County)(#12-12)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-89691)(CPUSA Domestic Administration)(#19-1)
- 1 - NY (100-89590)(CPUSA Strategy in Industry)(#19-1)
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- 1 - NY (100-80640)(CPUSA Negro Question)(#19-1)
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A meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CPUSA was held at CPUSA Headquarters in NYC on 9/13,14, 15/57. The informant attended the 9/13/57 session and the afternoon session of 9/14/57. The following were observed at both these sessions unless otherwise noted:

George Blake Charney
Ben Davis, Jr.
Sid Stein
Fred Fine
John Gates
William Z. Foster
Gene Dennis
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Jack Stachel
Alexander Bittelman
James E. Jackson
[redacted] (2nd day only)
William L. Patterson (1st day only)
George Morris (2nd day only)
Al Blumberg (2nd day only)
[redacted]
Carl Winter
[redacted] 1st day only
Tom Nabried (2nd day only)
Mike Russo (2nd day only)
George Meyers
Dorothy Healey
[redacted]
Hy Lumer
Dave Davis
[redacted] 2nd day only)
Morris Childs
Pat Toohey

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Sid Stein, on 9/13/57, prior to the NEC meeting, stated that a rule was adopted to restrict the meeting to actual NEC members and those not NEC members were to be invited if the NEC was to discuss any matters in which they were involved. (For example William L. Patterson was present during the discussion on civil rights.) Stein said this was done to prevent William Z. Foster from jamming the meeting with his followers to prevent the accomplishment of any work by the NEC.

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Stein stated further that on 9/13/57, a meeting of Stein, Si Gerson, Isadore Wofsy, Alexander Trachtenberg, and Max Gordon was held concerning the "Daily Worker" (DW). Stein said that this meeting had finalized plans: 1) to cut the DW to a 4 page paper and "The Worker" to a 12 page paper; 2) cut the DW staff from 25 people to 12; 3) cut the use of wire services; 4) have the 4 page paper printed on a flat bed press. Steps 2, 3 and 4 above could cut down expenses by \$150,000 a year leaving an annual deficit of \$100,000 which Stein believes can be absorbed by the CP. In addition, the state editions of the DW will be discontinued. Stein stated they will see if this plan works and, if not successful, they will publish only a weekly paper.

(The informant advised that on 9/18/57, he received by mail a 4 page mimeographed summary of the 9/13-15/57 NEC meeting, from the CPUSA and signed by Sid Stein. This summary indicated that the above proposals concerning the DW were approved by the NEC.)

Later that day Stein violently denounced Ben Davis and Foster stating that at every meeting they do everything to direct the meeting into a factional dispute. Foster wanted to reopen the Hungarian question, but was voted down. As far as most people are concerned, Stein stated, the case of Joe Clark is finished, but Foster tried to bring it up again at the NEC meeting. Stein said he had an agreement with others to prevent this.

According to the informant, the above-described summary indicated that Foster was controlled by the proposal to limit discussions to one hour to points on the agenda and not "endeavor to discuss all the underlying issues." This proposal was adopted with two dissenting votes. The summary reflects that the NEC adopted the following proposal concerning the resignation of Joe Clark:

"The NEC endorses the N.A.C. statement on Clark's resignation and proposes to remove this issue from any future consideration at this meeting. If any NEC member deems it necessary to raise any further questions pertaining to this episode, this can be done by communicating with the N.A.C." "This motion was adopted by a vote of 13 to 1 with 1 abstention."

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The informant attended the 9/13/57 session of the NEC and stated it was devoted to a report by James Jackson on civil rights. It was a non-controversial report and as a result a subcommittee was established to work out a plan of activity on civil rights which plan is to be sent to all National Committee (NC) members. It was recommended that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" carry an appeal that all Communists and Socialists support the civil rights struggle through their mass organizations, that the September 22, 1957, edition of "The Worker" be devoted to civil rights and that a special supplement to "The Worker" be prepared.

The informant attended the 9/14/57 afternoon session of the NEC meeting at which Fred Fine made a report on the CP labor policy. Fine said he made a tour of several cities where he contacted Party people in labor unions. The picture is very poor with regard to CP members among labor leaders. Very many leaders have left the CP. The picture is better at the shop level. While they have had their troubles, the organization continues to exist. It is limited because the CP has given no policy. A line of thinking must be established for these people to follow concerning gangsterism, inflation and labor unity. The discussion that followed included Morris Gainer, George Morris and Sam Kushner. The proposals adopted after this discussion were:

1. Labor Committee should appoint a subcommittee to discuss merger developments in United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Union (UE).
2. Consider Fine's report and the discussion as a basis for a Labor Policy Statement to be presented to NC on 11/9/57.
3. Have Labor Policy Statement supplement the Draft Trade Union Resolution and bring it up to date for approval of NC and then hold 4 regional conferences (Pacific Northwest, Midwest, Eastern and New York). The results of these conferences will be reported to the National Committee.
4. Labor Commission will report to NEC on Auto, Steel or Teamster Unions for discussion.

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5. Labor Commission will prepare a discussion on the Negro in Trade Unions.

Following the adoption of these proposals Hy Lumer gave a non-controversial report on inflation which was statistical in nature. It will be disseminated to all NC members and will be the basis for an article in "Political Affairs" as well as the basis for CP anti-inflation activity.

According to the informant, [redacted], NEC member from New Jersey, on 9/18/57 stated that it was brought out at the NEC meeting that the CP in Brooklyn has a fund of \$250,000 which was "stashed" away during the Party's underground period. Loman has complete control of this fund and has refused to give the DW any money.

The informant stated that this is the basis for the motion carried in connection with the proposals concerning the DW which motion requested the NY State CP and its subdivisions to undertake the responsibility for raising the necessary funds to insure the change-over of the DW and gave the National Administrative Committee (NAC) the power to "take whatever action it deems necessary to see to it that this is carried out."

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~~C~~ [redacted] stated that on 9/15/57, Tom Nabried of the Auditing Committee reported to the NEC that his efforts to determine what happened to CP funds were met with obstacles in every case. He was unable to obtain any information and wanted to resign. According to [redacted] a motion was passed to have the NAC facilitate the efforts of Nabried and the Auditing Committee and have a report at the next NEC meeting.

Stein also told the informant on 9/13/57, that the NY State membership is now between 3000 and 3500. Members are leaving from both the "left" and the "right." The "left" are leaving in anger with the continued paralysis and inactivity of the CP. The "right" are leaving because the leadership of the CP is in the hands of Foster and his crowd.

Stein said he had met with 15 or 20 old-time 20 to 25 year members from Brooklyn who had left the CP. They said it was impossible for them to come back into the CP while a "mad man" like Charles Loman is in control of the CP in Brooklyn.

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Stein wanted to keep these people "near the CP" by organizing them into an intermediate group, but Loman would not hear of it stating that they should be CP members or get out. Stein said that if these people can't be convinced to stay in the CP "we will have no CP." Stein reiterated that all should unite around the decisions of the July, 1957, National Committee meeting. All should oppose both the Gates and the Foster factions in the interest of unity.

Informant advised that much talk was had among the NEC members between the sessions of the 9/13-15/57 NEC meeting concerning an article in the latest issue of the Soviet publication "Kommunist." This article vigorously attacked Gates as an outright revisionist of Marxism. It was widely discussed outside the meeting and is definitely a boon to Foster. Whatever complaints members may have concerning the leadership, they have been put on notice that Gates is anti-Party and should be opposed. It represents an effort of the Soviet Union to impose its thinking on the CPUSA. In the opinion of the informant, it was successful in that he felt the article pervaded the thinking of all at the NEC meeting.

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The following is a copy of the aforementioned 4 page mimeographed summary of the 9/13-15/57 NEC meeting which was received by mail by the informant from the CPUSA, NYC:

"COMMUNIST PARTY USA
23 West 26th St
New York 10, N.Y.

"September 16, 1957

"TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

"Dear Comrades:

"The N.E.C. met from Friday night, Sept. 13th, through Sunday evening, Sept. 15th. The following agenda was completed at this meeting:

- "1) Report on the civil rights struggle
- "2) Report on our labor policy in relation to some current developments in the labor movement. Proposals for carrying out the mandate of the convention relating to our labor resolution.
- "3) Proposals on how our Party can help to solve the crisis of the Daily Worker and The Worker.
- "4) Proposals for getting on with the job of drafting a Party program.
- "5) Information report on developments in the Canadian Labor Progressive Party.
- "6) N.A.C. statement on the resignation of Joe Clark
- "7) Report of Auditing Committees.
- "8) Statement on some aspects of foreign policy.

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"On Point 1, the following was the essence of the report and discussion:

"The shocking spectacle of armed soldiers menacing courageous Negro teenagers, young children acting on the assurances of the Supreme Court that their constitutional rights would be upheld, seeking to enroll in the formerly restricted public schools in Arkansas and police-comforted mobsters in Charlotte, N.Car.; the deprivations of the white supremacy segregationists and Klansmen in dynamiting a public school in Nashville and flogging a minister accompanying his children to school in Alabama - - these barbarous occurrences which have accompanied the opening of the schools in many places in the South have evoked a widespread sense of shame and revulsion among the mass of the American people and sharp condemnation from the spokesmen of public opinion throughout the world.

"Not since the days of the Nazi atrocities has American public opinion manifested such a sense of revulsion to the atrocious consequences of racism and deep sympathy for its victims. American public opinion is revealed as more conscious of the necessity to undertake and support resolute measures to irrevocably wipe out all manner of segregation and discriminatory laws and prejudiced practices which deprive the Negro citizens of their equal rights and menace the unity of the nation and bring shame to our country in the eyes of the world.

"All organizations concerned with the people's welfare and the nation's interests are confronting the responsibility to respond to the arrogant challenge of the arch-reactionary Dixiecrat offensive. Never before in recent decades have the cause of human equality and the equal rights of the Negro people found such active and potential support in public opinion.

"Our Party, in accord with its devotion to the cause of human freedom from oppression and exploitation, in keeping with its proud traditions of militant support of the glorious struggle of the Negro people for the unrestricted exercise of their full constitutional rights as equal citizens, calls upon its members everywhere to further stimulate and support new

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"initiatives on all sectors of the advancing anti-discrimination and integration front. Our primary emphasis ought to be directed in the first place to developing organized action of solidarity support and development of higher standards of Negro-white unity in the trade unions and working class organizations.

"Many opportunities for our Party to make important direct contributions to the development of a new phase of struggle against all aspects of discrimination are present. We have a special educational and ideological contribution to make.

"A subcommittee was established to work out a detailed plan of activity. This will be forwarded to the N.C. members and the districts.

"The following was recommended for immediate action through the Daily Worker and The Worker:

- "1) That the Daily Worker carry front page appeals to all Communists, Socialists and Progressives to actively participate in support of the struggle through their mass organizations and through initiatives of their own.
- "2) That full use be made of the Sept. 22nd issue of The Worker which will devote major attention to this struggle.
- "3) That a special supplement of The Worker be prepared for mass distribution.

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"On Point 2), the report and discussion dealt with some of the basic problems relative to our labor policy. A memo on this will be sent to you in the near future. The following motions were adopted:

- "1) Proposes Labor Commission name sub-committee; summarizes conclusions of merger developments in UE for discussion and action.

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"2) Consider report and discussion as basis for drafting Labor Policy Statement for 1958 to be presented to NC for discussion on Nov. 9th.

"3) With respect to Draft Trade Union Resolution:

a) it is proposed that no effort be made to amend it per se or rework it; (b) instead, that it be approved as a framework and point of departure for our labor policy (that it be so stated in our Labor Policy Statement), and (c) that the Labor Policy Statement supplement, deepen, bring up to date and concretize the draft Trade Union resolution. Thus, the vote for the Labor Policy Statement will include formal action on the Draft Trade Union resolution in order to carry out letter and intent of convention action in referring trade union resolution to NC for finalization; d) Following the NC, there shall be four regional conferences (Pacific Northwest, Midwest, Eastern Seaboard, New York) in November and December in order to get broadest, and lowest cost consultation with industrial comrades.

"The Labor Policy Statement shall be presented in draft form to these conferences and shall be the main point on their agendas; e) The February NC shall hear reports from these Regional conferences and shall take a final vote on documents. In the meantime the very discussions and the actual areas of majority agreement gives us a working policy. The February NC vote will resolve remaining areas of disagreement and give formal authority to both the draft Trade Union resolutions and the Policy Statement.

"4) The following NC meeting shall hear a report on, and discussion either specifically Auto, Steel or Teamsters. This shall be a regular practice - richest generalizations can come from these concrete examinations.

"5) Propose Labor Commission prepare discussion on Negro-Labor alliance. Work out time-table with N.A.C.

"In the discussion on Labor Policy -- Comrade Hy Lumer received extended time to speak on the subject of inflation. He dealt with the present wave of rising living costs and the varying theories being advanced to explain it. He called attention to the need for combatting the big business propaganda that wage increases are responsible, also to the harmful effects

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"of tendencies in labor circles to tie wages to productivity. He emphasized the basic role played by monopoly price-fixing, but pointed out that a rounded picture must take into account the inflationary pressures generated by the expansion of capital investment, the large volume of government spending especially for military purposes, and the mushrooming of private debt since the war.

"He went on to deal with credit inflation and the tight money policy, and concluded with an outline of the elements of an anti-inflation program. A memo on the subject is in preparation and will be sent out for discussion shortly. The memo will serve as the basis for one or more articles to appear in Political Affairs.

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"The following motions were adopted by the N.E.C. on point 3):

"1. The N.E.C. endorses and pledges support to the management of the Daily Worker and The Worker in carrying through its plan for retrenchment. This plan involves going over to a four-page Daily Worker and a 12-page Worker on the fifth day. This plan also calls for drastic cutting of the staff and other economies which would reduce the deficit of the papers from \$270,000 last year to no. more that \$130,000 in the coming year.

"In order to support the press in carrying through this plan, the N.E.C. voted to request the New York State organization and its subdivision to undertake responsibility for raising the necessary funds to insure the changeover. The N.E.C. also gave the N.A.C. power to take whatever action it deems necessary to see to it that this is carried out in the event of any snags.

"The N.E.C. also decided to call upon all districts to launch a concerted effort to complete their original quotas in the press fund and circulation drive."

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"A progress report by Eugene Dennis was received on the preliminary work of the subcommittee set up by the NAC to organize the preparations of the draft Party program. The committee (Dennis, Jackson, Lumer and Stachel) was authorized to proceed with the preliminary work under way. This includes the steps being taken to involve additional members of the N.C., and a large number of other comrades in various fields of work and parts of the country, in the preparation of the draft outline of the program and of research projects, theoretical articles, memoranda, etc. on a wide variety of questions. In this connection the committee is making available to the members of the NC a memo on a draft program submitted by Com. Bittelman. The subcommittee will submit a more extensive report to the next meeting of the N.E.C., including recommendations for the composition, methods of work and schedule of the Party Program Commission.

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"On Point 6. At an early stage of the N.E.C. meeting, a vote was taken as to the time to be allotted for this point. It was proposed that no more than one hour should be allotted for the following reason:

"The N.E.C. is determined to devote all sessions of this meeting to discussing and acting upon the major issues facing the American people: civil rights, developments in the labor movement, and aspects of the fight for peace. The N.E.C. is also desirous of taking practical measures at this meeting to consider an emergency financial situation, save and reorganize the Daily and Sunday Worker, as well as wishes to take appropriate action to advance the preparations for a Party Program Draft,

"In furtherance of this aim, which we believe is the will of the bulk of the Party membership, --

"we will not endeavor here to discuss all the underlying issues and differences but will confine ourselves to taking action on the N.A.C. Statement. Comrades who have differences or oppose the Statement or have other motions to offer shall be given the opportunity to do so."

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"This proposal was adopted with only 2 comrades voting against. After limited discussion during which Comrades Foster and Mickey Lima asked that their statements be made available to members of the N.C., the following motion was adopted on the resignation of Clark:

"The N.E.C. endorses the N.A.C. Statement on Clark's resignation and proposes to remove this issue from any further consideration at this meeting. If any N.E.C. member deems it necessary to raise any further questions pertaining to this episode, this can be done by communicating with the N.A.C.'

"This motion was adopted by a vote of 13 to 1 with 1 abstention.

"An additional motion was then made by comrade Jim Jackson which read as follows:

"Comrade John Gates in his capacity of Editor of the Daily Worker, exercising his privilege of publishing his views under his own name, responded to Joseph Clark's statement of resignation. The estimate of the meaning and consequences of Joseph Clark's statement contained in Comrade Gates' article does not have the endorsement of a majority of the National Executive Committee.'

"This motion was defeated by a vote of 8 against, 4 for, 2 not voting and one abstention.

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"On Point 7, the N.E.C. heard a partial report from two auditing committees previously set up. The report of the auditing committee on the National Office finances was accepted together with a recommendation that a final report of the committee be submitted to the next meeting of the N.E.C.

"The report of the committee on finances of subdivisions and states showed that no progress was made. A motion was passed instructing the N.A.C. to take all necessary steps to carry through this work and report to the next meeting of the N.E.C.

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"On point 8, lack of time prevented the N.E.C. from discussing a prepared draft statement. It was voted to refer action on this statement to the N.A.C. All N.E.C. members were urged to write out their proposals and amendments so that their views could be fully considered by the N.A.C. prior to acting upon this statement.

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"Hoping that this report of the N.E.C. meeting will prove of value to the members of the National Committee, I nevertheless realize its limitations and therefore urge all N.C. members to write in for any further information they desire and to comment on the actions of the N.E.C.

"Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the November 9th meeting of the N.C.,

"Comradely yours,

Sid Stein"

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

Date: 9/24/57

FROM : SAS EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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[redacted] was interviewed on September 4, 1957, by SAS EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and [redacted] at his residence [redacted], [redacted]

[redacted] was a Communist writer, a correspondent for the "Daily Worker," and at one time a member of the Cultural Commission of the CP, USA. [redacted] was reported to have left the CP in August, 1956, openly denouncing the Soviet Union and the CP, USA, leadership. In the past [redacted] has refused to testify before Congressional Committees and has taken the Fifth Amendment and on one occasion was held in

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 - 1-100-98806 (FBI - Attacks Against) (#19)
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 - 1-100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (#19)
 - 1-100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#19)
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 - 1-100-7577 (WILLIAM WEINER) (#12-12)
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- 1- 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations) (#19)
- 1- 100-14606 (JOE CLARK) (#19)
- 1- 100-89590 (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (#19)



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contempt of Congress and served three months in a Federal Penitentiary for failing to furnish a House Committee with information. He has indicated he will not testify for any government agency nor will he name names of past CP associates. [] is in a position to furnish reliable information.

During the above interview [] stated that at the time he left the CP, August, 1956, the Party in his opinion was slowly disintegrating. He stated that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER would not consent to hold the CP, USA, Convention until FOSTER was assured that he had sufficient delegates on his side to guarantee FOSTER's victory over the GATES' faction at the Convention. Not until then did FOSTER give the okay to hold the Convention. He stated that he believes that at the present time the Party membership may be in the neighborhood of about 5,000. He stated that the CP today is an ineffective disorganized organization with little or no influence compared to its influence of 1939-1940. b7D

[] stated that the Party has no influence in the trade union movement and financially was practically broke in June of 1956. He stated that the 5,000 remaining CP members are the "lunatic fringe" whom he regards as of no danger to the United States Government. [] stated that most of the intellectual Communists and trade union members have left the CP, USA, and that this was the strong virile corps of the CP, USA. He stated that the present Party has no foundation in the American youth and it is composed mainly of "old men." [] stated that in a forthcoming book and article he has set forth the premise that the CP, USA, should disband as it is of no significance.

[] stated WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is a "crafty old fool," that FOSTER is living in the past, and acts as a complete dictator in all Party affairs. b7D

[] stated that in June of 1956 the GATES' group was in control of the "Daily Worker" and it was at that point when he made attempts with others to dissolve the CP as the only honorable thing left to do since it had no good purpose remaining in existence. [] pointed out

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that the "Daily Worker" was the only CP publication throughout the world that printed KHRUSHCHEV's speech before the 20th Congress. He stated that at that time the speech was printed GATES was in charge of the "Daily Worker" , as no other Party leaders were active in leadership.

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[] stated that the CP underground movement was a complete failure which served no useful purpose whatsoever. [] stated that in his opinion the underground movement was put into operation on the orders of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER who wanted to have some form of apparatus operating in the event of mass arrests. [] stated that in his opinion, it was WILLIAM Z. FOSTER who also instructed that CP fugitives become unavailable. [] stated that FOSTER had some crazy idea that the CP in this country could operate successfully in an underground fashion similar to the French underground which operated against the Nazis in World War II. [] stated that the underground operation disunited the Party and caused large numbers of people to leave the movement. He believed that no person who was in the underground is still a member.

[] stated that large sums of money were collected for the defense of the CP leaders around 1948 through 1950 and heard a sum of \$2,000,000 was collected. [] stated that the Party leaders demanded "a gilt-edged defense." [] stated that he believed some of the money collected was put away as an emergency fund and utilized by the Party to operate the underground.

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[] stated that in the spring of 1956 the "Daily Worker" was desperate for money and that frequent fund drives failed to supply enough money to operate the paper. However, he stated that money would always show up at the critical time to supply the "Daily Worker" with operating funds. FAST stated that he often wondered where the CP received its funds to continue operating from June, 1956, to the present since at the latter date the Party was practically broke.

[] stated that [] recently advised him, in discussing finances, that the CP over a period of approximately 20 years had set aside an estimated \$2,000,000 which

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was handled by three unidentified trusted comrades who apparently were designated to periodically put away a savings of money for the day when the Party would be down to its final penny then this fund would be put in operation. [redacted] also stated that if [redacted] is correct in his information, FOSTER knew about this secret fund and may have just recently consented to use the money to keep his group in power and in operation. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that the only person who he knew that kept Party funds was the late WILLIAM WEINER. [redacted] advised that to his knowledge no monies were received from the Soviet Union. He recalled that on one occasion in the 1930's, BEN GOLD was in the Soviet Union and went to Soviet officials in an effort to secure funds for "New Masses." [redacted] stated that GOLD was informed by the Soviet officials that they would furnish "New Masses" with no funds and that the money should be raised in the USA. b7D

[redacted] knew of no direct foreign or Russian domination of the CP, USA, during his association. However, he admitted that the Party always closely followed the line of the Soviet Union. He suspected that when IRVING POTASH illegally returned to the US, he was sent here by the Russians with instructions to the CP, USA, leaders to support FOSTER.

[redacted] stated that the leaders of the CP, USA, such as GENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS, BETTY GANNETT, and FOSTER are "psychos." FAST remarked that with such unqualified leaders in the CP, USA, in his opinion, the Party could do no harm to the U.S. [redacted] stated that at times he often asked himself the question why he remained in the movement after witnessing such stupid direction as rendered by the above leaders. b7D

[redacted] stated that he never knew or suspected CP members acquainted with him in engaging in espionage activity. [redacted] stated that anyone suspected of engaging in espionage for the Russians or satellite countries would be expelled since the Party leaders did not want Party activity to be associated with espionage activity.

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[] stated that he could not identify CP members to the agents except those known CP leaders mentioned above. He remarked that he has always taken the Fifth Amendment when appearing before Congressional hearings, and it is his intention to continue to take the Fifth Amendment if subpoenaed. [] remarked that he served a jail sentence rather than reveal names of individuals and believed that was the honorable thing to do rather than drag other people into the picture, and make life miserable for them. He stated that he joined the Party of his own accord, that he was not forced into the same and that the mistakes he made were foolish, referring to the fact that he remained in the movement so long.

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[] smilingly commented that in the past he has not been friendly in his remarks about the FBI, since he did not believe in the FBI investigations. [] remarked that he has been bitter toward the use of informants by the FBI. [] stated that even in his articles, which will appear shortly, he makes reference to the fact that FBI aids and abets Congressional Committees investigation Communists. [] stated that personally he had admiration for the ability of the FBI. He remarked that the Party considered the FBI as its prime enemy, and it was expected that all Party members would denounce the Bureau.

[] stated that he had a sad experience when he was served with a subpoena by the MC CARTHY Committee at 1:00 a.m. in the morning which upset his entire family. [] stated that several months ago HARRY SCHWARTZ, Correspondent for the "New York Times," learned of [] leaving the Party, called him requesting an exclusive interview. [] stated that SCHWARTZ remarked that if he granted him an exclusive interview, he would do right by [] granted SCHWARTZ the exclusive which resulted in the articles appearing in the "New York Times" on various dates during the part several months. He stated that SCHWARTZ in an article appearing in the "New York Times" on 8/29/57 quoted him out of context and made the article more appealing to the reading public. [] indicated that SCHWARTZ intends to give additional plugs to his writings.

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[] stated that he is convinced that his expose of the evils of Communism, which is the theme of his two articles, will be widely read by Communists and non-Communists. [] stated that he makes a point in the book directed to Communists to be aware of the true meaning of the evils of international Communism. [] believes that his writings will influence people in all countries where it is published, to leave the Party. [] stated that he has received no threats, but on the contrary, has received 30 or more congratulatory messages from friends who either were or are members of the Communist Party, USA, supporting his stand.

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[] stated since he believes Congressional hearings and court trials give the Party a rallying point and also "steels" the Party members to fight back, he thinks the government (Justice Department), should suspend or hold in abeyance pending trials of CP leaders and should also grant amnesty to its Party leaders serving jail sentences. [] stated that such an announcement from competent government authorities that such a program would be followed, would deflate the Communist ego both in this country and abroad. He remarked that since the Soviet Union propagandizes CP trials in this country, such an amnesty program would be reviewed favorably by the Russian people and negate this propaganda.

[] admired the Eisenhower administration, referring to it as a step in the direction of Democratic Socialism in action. He suggested that such programs as the Social Security increased benefits, Federal Aid to Housing, and Civil Rights legislation has been carefully followed by the peoples throughout the world, and the introduction of such a program has been admired in countries within the Soviet orbit where the reign of terror exists and the human being is a tool for the state.

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[] remarked that recently he had a conversation with Mr. and MRS. JOSEPH CLARK, Foreign Affairs Editor of the "Daily Worker", and the latter mentioned that it was rumored that KHRUSHCHEV and KAGANOVICH called at the residence of BERIA

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with "45's" in their hands and when BERIA stepped into view, they killed him. BERIA's trial in the Soviet Union was held several months later and he was thereafter reported executed. He advised that JOE CLARK and his wife are both disillusioned with the CP and that [] cannot understand why CLARK remains in the movement.

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The original of this material is located in 100-61206-1694.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) (19-1)
RE: CPUSA; IS-C.

Enclosed herewith are two Photostats of a letter dated 9/30/57 on stationery of CPUSA concerning the forthcoming membership registration. (Attached thereto is a registration blank)

This item was obtained at CPUSA headquarters by [redacted] on 9/30/57. Informant advised that 28 copies were made of the letter and 1000 copies were made of the registration blank. She advised that one copy of the letter together with several registration blanks was placed in each of 28 large manila envelopes. The informant was able to ascertain that three of the envelopes were addressed to [redacted] STEVE NELSON and GERT NELSON.

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Also enclosed are 2 Photostats of a letter to all District Organizers from [redacted] Administrative Secretary, which was also obtained at CP headquarters by the informant. She advised that 75 copies of this letter were made and placed in the aforementioned 28 manila envelopes. Informant advised that other items which she did not see were placed in the envelopes. The envelopes required 12 cents postage each.

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- 3 - BUREAU (100-3) (RM) (4 Encls.)
④ - NEW YORK (100-4931) (19-1)
① - 100-80638 - CPUSA MEMBERSHIP (19-1)
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① - 100-74560 - CPUSA FUNDS (19-1)

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-10759)
RE: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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[redacted] reliable, on September 20, 1957, advised that at a meeting of the Orange County Club of the CP of Los Alamitos, California, a member stated that CP membership in New York has dropped from 7000 to 3000 in one year.

- 3 - Bureau (AM REGISTERED)
- ① - New York (REGISTERED)
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October 3, 1957

AIRTEL

CHICAGO (100-33740)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

Re: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau 10/3/57.

CG 5524-S* on 10/2/57, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING for photostating a letter on the letterhead of the CP, USA. This letter is dated 9/30/57, is addressed to all districts and is signed [redacted] Administrative Secretary. The letter stated that "by October 15 the actual registration should begin to roll...our objective is to complete the registration by January 1st." Enclosed with the letter were copies of registration forms. They request information on age, length of time in the Party, sex, race, industry in which employed and whether a subscriber to "The Worker" or the "Daily Worker".

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One photostatic copy of the letter and one copy of the registration blank are enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Office. The Chicago copies are located in Chicago file 100-33740-1A2.

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- 3 - Bureau (AIRMAIL)(REGISTERED)(Encls. 2)
- ② - New York (AIRMAIL)(REGISTERED)(Encls. 2) *encls made*
- ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership)(#19) *attachments*
- 1 - 100-13923 [redacted]
- 3 - Chicago
 - A) 134-46
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA.
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 10-7-57

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on October 2, 1957, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information appearing on the following page. This information had been obtained from CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, member of the National Executive Committee and the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA, on that date. It consists primarily of observations by LIGHTFOOT concerning the Communist Party - USA, but may be pertinent since LIGHTFOOT is also a member of a five-man committee scheduled to meet in Chicago starting October 3, 1957, for the purpose of discussing leadership, the move to Chicago and Party finances.

4 - Bureau (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-425681) (American Forum for Socialist Education)
(1 - 100-3-104) (CP - USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)

8 - New York (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-80641) (CP - USA, Organization) (#19)
(1 - 100-80638) (CP - USA, Membership) (#19)
(1 - 100-87211) (CP - USA, Factionalism) (#19)
(1 - 100-131940) (American Forum for Socialist Education)
(1 - 100-9493) (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
(1 - 100-14606) (JOE CLARK) (#12-11)
(1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#19)
(1 - 100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (#19)

4 - Chicago

(1 - A/134-46)
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-33670) (American Forum for Socialist Education)

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated on October 2, 1957, that he believes that he can act as a conciliator if the headquarters of the Communist Party - USA is moved to Chicago. LIGHTFOOT said that the last time he was in New York City, he had a discussion with ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. BITTELMAN said that the Party should disassociate from JOHN GATES, because GATES is too outspoken and has covered up for the out-and-out supporters of the Right wing viewpoint. BITTELMAN, however, has always fought with the viewpoint of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. LIGHTFOOT said that he agrees with these ideas of BITTELMAN and with the viewpoint of BITTELMAN as expressed in his articles which have been appearing in the "Daily Worker". LIGHTFOOT is afraid, however, that if the internal discussion is opened up once again, the Communist Party - USA will be torn apart. Continuing, LIGHTFOOT stated that if the Communist Party - USA could shut WILLIAM Z. FOSTER up, it could stop some of the discussion in the Party.

With regard to membership, LIGHTFOOT stated that he does not believe that the Communist Party - USA will be able to get former members to rejoin the Party in any large numbers. He believes that some persons, such as JOE CLARK, may actually turn against the Communist Party. He also believes that many people left the Communist Party for personal reasons instead of political reasons; thus, even if a correct line were formulated, it would not mean that they would return to the Party.

LIGHTFOOT stated that the Communist Party must build its membership through contact with mass movements. This will take a long time. LIGHTFOOT also believes that the Party should play up and utilize the new methods of work formulated at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA. LIGHTFOOT also stated that he does not see an economic depression in the United States in the next ten years and that in any event, the Party should not rely on a future depression to build its membership. He said that at all times the people have one grievance or another. There are always issues such as the thirty-hour work week. The Party can play a role on the American scene and build its membership by concentrating on grievances and issues.

LIGHTFOOT also stated that he believes that the American Forum for Socialist Education should be looked upon by the Communist Party as an auxiliary organization, in which the Communist Party members can work and not as a substitute for the Communist Party as though the Communist Party were to be dissolved.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

October 7, 1957

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
MEMBERSHIP
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CG 5824-S*, on October 6, 1957, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. REATING the intelligence information appearing on the following page:

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-3-105) (CP - USA, Southern Regional Committee)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80638) (CP - USA, Membership) (#19)
 - (1 - 100-131666) (CP - USA, Southern Regional Committee) (#19)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#19)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - B/134-46)

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EUGENE DENNIS stated on October 5, 1957, that the current membership in the entire Southern region of the Communist Party is three hundred.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: October 9, 1957

FROM: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Bureau letter to all offices dated 8-16-57 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Membership, IS-C" advising of the forthcoming registration of Communist Party (CP) members.

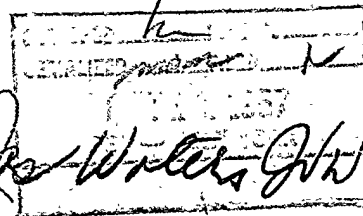
Information has recently come to our attention that [redacted] CP, USA, prepared a

letter dated 9-30-57 to all districts which in effect gave notice that preparation should begin for the registration of members and that the actual registration should be ready to start by 10-15-57. A copy of the letter, together with the registration blank which accompanied it, is attached.

Enclosures - 2

2 - Albuquerque (Enclosures - 2)	2 - Milwaukee (Enclosures - 2)
2 - Anchorage (Enclosures - 2)	2 - Minneapolis (Enclosures - 2)
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2 - Knoxville (Enclosures - 2)	2 - San Juan (Enclosures - 2)
2 - Little Rock (Enclosures - 2)	2 - Savannah (Enclosures - 2)
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2 - Miami (Enclosures - 2)	

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Letter to Albany
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP
100-3-68

It was also ascertained that copies of this letter and registration blank were placed in manila envelopes and apparently mailed to 28 different locations. Also inserted into these envelopes were copies of another letter to all district organizers which was in the form of a special appeal for funds. A copy of this letter is also enclosed.

The contents of the enclosures mentioned above are self-explanatory, and this data is being furnished for your information. In addition, however, all offices are instructed to alert logical sources to be on the lookout for receipt of the above-mentioned letters which were mailed on or about October 1 and to promptly submit such information to the Bureau. As you know, the matter of determining the CP organizational structure has been one of the foremost problems of the Bureau, and it is felt that information indicating the recipients of the above-mentioned envelopes will assist in establishing the structure of the Party.

23 WEST 26th STREET * NEW YORK 10, N.Y. * MU. 5-5750

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September 30, 1957

TO ALL DISTRICTS:

Dear Comrades:

At the last meeting of the National Committee, the major point on the order of business dealt with Party Organization. The bridge between the mass policy and program initiated by that Committee meeting and our ability to carry it out depends upon the state of Party Organization. The Draft Plan of work placed the question this way: "The National Committee recognizes that its ability to implement the above program (On Issues) is inseparably linked to this next phase, namely - the rebuilding of the Party itself."

The starting point of any approach to the problem of the rebuilding of our Party requires a knowledge of the status of our organization. We cannot continue to depend for our knowledge of the membership of our organization on what the report called the "best educated guess of the District leadership." This is especially emphasized when even within the District leaderships there is disagreement about whose guess is best educated.

In the past, dues payment served as a rough barometer of our membership. It cannot serve as such now. The only thing that it emphasizes now (average dues payment monthly - 4000) is the state of organizational crisis that we are in. It reflects our lack of contact with our membership either through their participation in organized branch activity or personal contact.

In order to begin the process of pulling together our membership, to begin the fight for the reestablishment of our Party organization, to meet and tackle some of the ideological problems which hamstring effective action on political issues, and in order to reach our members with our program of action, the Draft Plan of Work proposed the organization of registration of members to begin approximately October 1st.

We are certain that most of the Districts have already begun preparations for this registration. If not, we urge that the Districts immediately call meetings of their leading committees, discuss the problems to be met with in the process of registration, set certain objectives for themselves, and assign individuals to specific areas and fields of Party organization. By October 15, the actual registration should begin to roll.

We are not sending our long drawn out instructions on the process of registration. The comrades in the Districts have had enough experience on the organization of such a campaign. We would like to make a few suggestions.

1. On the information that we would like to obtain regarding our membership, we are sending you registration blanks. As you can see they request a minimum of information: Age, length of time in the Party, Male, Female, Negro, white, Industry, subscriber to Worker or Daily Worker.

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To All Districts
Re: Registration

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September 30, 1957

2. Material in the form of kits to be distributed to members that we visit might contain "Party Affairs", the resolution adopted by the 16th National Convention, our New Constitution, and as additional literature, the "Proceedings of the Convention".
3. The complete results of the referendum on dues payment have not come in, which is one reason we suggest the actual process of registration take place October 15th. However, we urge that where it is possible to begin the collection of dues and get registration completed among the actives, that this be done immediately on the old basis. Under normal circumstances, this would not be a pressing matter. Unfortunately, comrades, the National Office is in a financial crisis and unless there is an increase in this major source of income immediately, much of the work suggested on the fight for Civil Rights, and on the Labor front, will have to be shelved.
4. While we are not setting up percentages and target dates, our objective is to complete the registration by January 1st. To achieve this will require a well organized drive with the drawing up of lists, mobilization of branches and actives, establishment of teams, constant check-up and evaluation of the progress of the drive, and possibly creating target dates to be achieved in the Districts.

Comradely yours,

Henry Aron
Administrative Secretary

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COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

23 West 26 Street
New York 10, N. Y.

September, 1957

TO ALL DISTRICT ORGANIZERS:

Dear Comrades:

We are forced to address a special appeal to you.

As a result of the severe financial crisis that we face, we are being forced to curtail our activity around some of the most vital problems that affect the American people today. This affects not only the role we can play in the struggle for Civil Rights, and in current struggles of the labor movement, it also affects our ability to carry on the fight for the protection of our legal and democratic rights. In addition, it is preventing us from fulfilling the proposals on the organization of tours, and other means whereby members of the National Staff had hoped to reach not only our members but beyond with the program and policies of the Party.

There is no easy solution to the problem as you comrades are very well aware. Dues, which for the National Office is a major source of income, has been cut. The political and organizational situation in our Party has greatly reduced the sustainers and contributions which we had formerly gotten. Finally, we ran no Drive this year because we wanted to help to the greatest extent possible the continuance of the DAILY WORKER.

At the same time that there has been a drastic reduction in income, we have incurred some very great expenditures in the attempt to carry out the mandate and objectives of the Convention. Among these have been the two meetings of some 60 members of the National Committee, and the additional meetings of some 20 members of the National Executive Committee. And as a continuing expense, we have to support the legal struggles that defend our right to existence.

We are not attempting to outline a solution here to our financial problems or to propose any major effort in the direction of increasing our sources of income. However, there are some immediate ways in which the Districts can lend some immediate aid to get us through this present very difficult financial situation.

1. We urge that the Districts send in immediately and regularly the percentage of dues payment that is due the National Office. Please, comrades, do not hold onto it.
2. Some time ago, we sent the Districts an accounting of moneys they owed for literature, pre-Convention Discussion Bulletins, etc. Many of the Districts have as yet failed to pay these bills.
3. All of the Districts received copies of the PARTY AFFAIRS bulletin. As yet, we have not received payment for them. They are \$12.50 a hundred. We expect that you will send us immediate payment.

We are depending upon your comrades to help us with these problems.

Comradely yours,

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Henry Aron
Administrative Secretary

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) (19-1)

10/17/57

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK (7-0)

CP, USA
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During the course of an interview on 9/11/57,
[redacted] NYC, furnished the
following information to SAS [redacted] and ALFRED
B. NOVAK: [redacted]

[redacted] should be
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position to furnish reliable information. The original
of this information is maintained in [redacted]
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Concerning the reported figure of 10,000 members
remaining in the CP, USA, [redacted] stated his belief that
the figure would be closer to half of that number nationally.
He said that of that 5,000, probably only 3,000 were what
he would term really active members.

[redacted] said that no recent effort had been
made by the Party to get him to resume participation in
activities, although he had received through the mail,
a copy of the Party's publication entitled "Party Affairs."

- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (19-1)
- 1 - New York (100-9308) [redacted] (12-16)
- 1 - New York (100-133435) ("Party Affairs") (19-1)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-115575) (#7-2) DATE: 10/10/57
FROM: SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: PEOPLES RIGHTS PARTY
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- [redacted]
- 1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (#12-14)
- 1-New York (100-54555) ([redacted]) (#12-14)
- 1-New York (100-47211) (STEVE NELSON)
- 1-New York (100-[redacted]) (#12-10)
- 1-New York (100-89179) ([redacted]) 10)
- 1-New York (100-96899) ([redacted]) 10)
- 1-New York (100-123881) ([redacted]) (# 12-10)
- 1-New York (100-80636) (CP, USA, DEGLSATIVE ACTIVITIES)
- 1-New York (100-131027) ([redacted]) (#12-10)
- 1-New York (100-4137) ([redacted]) #12-10)
- 1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (#12-10)
- 1-New York (100-26603) (CP, USA, DISTRICT #2)
- 1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING)
- 1-New York (100-79717) (CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

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A party for LOUIS WEINSTOCK will be held on 9/28/57 at the Hungarian Park at 223rd St , in the Bronx. In case of rain it would be held in the Hungarian Hall on Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NYC. Admission will be \$1.50 per person

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P. S. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN announced that all the canvassers will be part of the election committee for the Peoples Rights Party.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * * * U N I T E D S T A T E S G O V E R N M E N T

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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DATE: 10/18/57

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CG 5824-S*, on October 15, 1957, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING two dictaphone memo belts, the transcription of which is located in Chicago file A/134-46-3939.

The information appearing on the following pages is contained in this transcription. It is noted that this is mainly a commentary by CG 5824-S* on the present status of the Communist Party - USA organization. This commentary is based on discussions with several Party leaders and members in the New York City area during the weekend of October 12 and 13, 1957.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-3-104)(CP - USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-4212)(HY LUMER)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit (100-13420)(CARL WINTER)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Newark (100-) (PAT TOOHEY)
- 28 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-87211)(CP - USA, Factionalism)(#19)
 - (1 - 100-74560)(CP - USA, Funds)(#19)
 - (1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA; Membership)(#19)
 - (1 - 100-80641)(CP - USA, Organization)(#19)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP - USA, District #2, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-128314)(CP - USA, District #2, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP - USA, District #2, Organization)
 - (1 - 97-169)(Publishers New Press)(#7-2)
 - (1 - 100-12959)(CONNIE BART)
 - (1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(#19)

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- (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#19)
- (1 - 100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (#12-14)
- (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#19)
- (1 - 100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (#19)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN)
- (1 - 100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (#19)
- (1 - 100-467) (BILL LAWRENCE) (#12-8)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-42959) [REDACTED] (#19-1)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-50090) (SID STEIN) (#19)
- (1 - 100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (#19-1)
- (1 - 100-) (PAT TOOHEY)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-18673) [REDACTED]

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1 - Philadelphia (65-1686) (THOMAS NABRIED) (REGISTERED)

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- (1 - A/134-46-3939-d)
- (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- (1 - 100-18001) (FRED FINE)

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As a result of discussions with SID STEIN, JIM JACKSON, independently and jointly, and with others, it is obvious that the launching of the satellite, S. Sputnik, has influenced or is influencing the line-up in the Communist Party - USA. The S. prior to Sputnik means a fellow traveller. This is not to say that there has been a minimization of the continued struggle within the Party; however, there is a re-alignment of members once again on the basis of foreign policy and attitude toward the Soviet Union.

As of now, the forces of JOHNNY GATES are going to insist on an answer to the article by B. PONOMAREV, a member of the Presidium of the Soviet Party. This article characterized GATES as a revisionist. Most of those now aligned with the GATES forces feel that with the prestige of the Soviet Union high at this time, it is futile and silly to fight the Soviet Party. On the contrary, they feel that the American Party ought to utilize this propaganda victory of the Soviet Union for its own purposes. Concretely translated into the struggle for power, here is what this may mean.

It will be recalled that at the time the "committee of five" was in Chicago, it agreed that it would like to have a leadership made up of a group or groups which could have, as SID STEIN termed it, a cutting edge. At one time during the discussions of the "committee of five", there was even a suggestion that, if necessary, they would turn the Party over to any group, providing it was of one mind so that the Party work can be carried out. Included in this suggestion was the thought that the group could be composed of people who have an affinity for the Right or a group made up of people who have an affinity for the Left of Center or even a group made up of the Left. At the time these suggestions were made for that type of leadership, there was a suggestion that perhaps there could be a leadership made up of JIM JACKSON, HY LUMER, BOB THOMPSON, CARL WINTER and others. However, the "committee of five" decided that it would try to get rid of both extremes and put forth the names of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman and Co-Chairman.

There is now pessimism among those favoring this plan of the "committee of five". To offer an opinion, the cause for the present pessimism and the failure to get more understanding

among the leadership is due to the actions of the New York State Committee. At a meeting of the New York State Committee, held a few weeks ago, they postponed a decision on the report of SID STEIN to the National Committee on the rebuilding of the Party. [redacted] made the report on organization and paraphrased the report of SID STEIN. There was no endorsement forthcoming. The discussion was postponed until Saturday, October 12, 1957, when another meeting of the New York State Committee was held. At that meeting, the discussion continued. Some amendments were made to the [redacted] report, which was actually the SID STEIN report. The final vote for the adoption of the report was 17 for, and 16 against.

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Discussion with JAMES JACKSON

This action of the New York State Committee set off the wave of pessimism in the national leadership. So much so that JIM JACKSON stated on Monday, October 14, 1957, that they have been in touch with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and believe that they prevailed upon him not to run as a stalking-horse for JOHNNY GATES and for the disruption of BEN DAVIS. This, despite the fact that JACKSON and the so-called Left of Center group, is not in favor of the policies of BEN DAVIS. According to JACKSON, LIGHTFOOT will not run for the chairmanship of the Party. JACKSON also stated that he could find no objection to the Soviet article by PONOMAREV. On the contrary, he said that he thinks that the Soviet Party was very patient with the American Party in that it did not speak out and characterize the line of the Communist Party - USA before now.

JACKSON stated that in view of these developments, GENE DENNIS is becoming a bit more hesitant. JACKSON thinks that the decision which will be made at the next National Executive Committee meeting will depend upon the make-up of the meeting. That is, it will depend on who is present and who is absent. JACKSON said that he thinks that STEIN and FINE, especially, are covering up for JOHNNY GATES.

One thing is certain. The majority of the National Executive Committee will not stand for JOHN GATES' leadership and JOHN GATES' policies. It should be noted, therefore, that while the "committee of five" adopted certain decisions in regard to the re-organization of the leadership, these private discussions indicate that these decisions are in for some rough times and that anything can happen at the National Executive Committee meeting.

Discussion with WILLIAM LAWRENCE

BILL LAWRENCE stated on October 13, 1957, that the New York State Committee meeting of October 12, 1957, also dealt with the financial situation in addition to the rebuilding of the Party. Finances were discussed in connection with the crisis in the "Daily Worker". LAWRENCE stated that [] has not moved one inch. He has refused to accept any decision of the State Committee or the National Committee. He has challenged them to enforce their decisions.

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LAWRENCE stated that the vote against [] in New York State meetings was overwhelming. In one New York State Board meeting, the vote was 15 for, and only 2 against a proposal concerning []. The two against the proposal were [] and one [] (ph), described as a side-kick of []. The proposal stated that the Brooklyn organization is capable of giving necessary money to sustain the "Daily Worker" and called upon the Brooklyn organization to give at least half of the \$45,000 necessary for the change-over in the publication of the "Daily Worker".

According to LAWRENCE, [] not only refused but went back to the Brooklyn organization and got a vote of 16 against the decision of the State Board. There was one abstention in the vote of the Brooklyn organization. The name of the person who abstained is not known. As a result of this defiance on the part of [] and as a result of information obtained by LAWRENCE that the Brooklyn organization has the money that has been requested of them, LAWRENCE stated that they are going to have to expel LOMAN from the Party if he does not submit to these decisions.

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This battle over finances indicates that the struggle is far from over. In the New York State Committee meeting, BEN DAVIS voted with the majority which voted against []. However, during the actual debate, he tried to do everything possible to prevent such a vote against []. This means that there is still maneuvering in order to gain factional advantages.

Discussions with PHIL and CONNIE
BART and IRVING HERMAN

Discussions with PHIL BART and CONNIE BART also indicated that the fight within the Communist Party is far from over. Many members are still antagonistic toward the Party leadership.

They do not have any faith that the leadership will bring about some changes in the Party. They are enthusiastic about the launching of the satellite by the Soviets. They are talking about the superiority of Socialism over Capitalism.

IRVING HERMAN stated on October 12, 1957, that more people have been dropping out of the Party. He said that he is working on a daily newspaper in Paterson, New Jersey. He said that other New Yorkers have gone into the printing trade and are working in the Paterson, New Jersey, area. He rides home with them.

HERMAN said that only the week before he had learned that an old-time Young Communist League leader and Party member, [redacted] told him point-blank that he has left the Party. HERMAN stated that he also learned that [redacted] who is also involved in the printing trade, has left the Party. [redacted] was supposed to be one of the outstanding underground leaders in the New York District during the time the Party was underground.

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In addition, HERMAN pointed out that people like [redacted] who he sees from time to time, are more vocal in their talk against the Party. HERMAN also said that a person by the name of [redacted] who was an outstanding Section leader in Brooklyn, has become passive and refuses to take on assignments.

Of course, PHIL BART is not involved in any activity to this date and is talking loudly against the leadership of the Party.

These examples are cited to indicate that the crisis still exists within the Party.

Discussion with PAT TOOHEY and TOM NABRIED

In a discussion with TOM NABRIED and PAT TOOHEY at the latter's residence on Sunday, October 13, 1957, they had an approach which, if not as critical as some of the others, also seeks the removal of the present leadership. TOOHEY said that he has come to the conclusion that perhaps JOHNNY GATES, as well as BILL FOSTER, ought to be removed. He would probably also include BEN DAVIS in this proposition. NABRIED said that unless the leadership gets down to work, he favors a change in the leadership. He believes that the time has come to change some of the leaders. He would also remove those holding an extreme position.

Neither NABRIED nor TOOHEY would accept a person like JOHN GATES as a leader of the Party. They are both sort of inclined to the idea of the elimination of FOSTER from active leadership. TOOHEY is probably inclined to a sort of Left of Center, if not a Left, leadership. NABRIED would be more inclined to a Left of Center leadership.

Additional Comments

It is likely that when the proposals of the "committee of five" come up for discussion at the National Executive Committee meeting, there will be a big fight. It might be said that as a result of the international situation, as influenced by the Russian propoganda gains and the launching of both the intercontinental ballistic missile as well as the moon into outer space, the group Left of Center, not the extreme Left group, is going to stand up against the Right to a greater extent. The article by PONOMAREV will strengthen the Left of Center group. It will not strengthen the extreme Left, because not enough people will support them. If SID STEIN and FRED FINE do not openly repudiate GATES or if they insist on some statements against the Soviet Union, then they will be beaten and even their compromised plans will not go through.

The last contact with STEIN and a personal observation of him indicates that he is once again depressed and is worried about the success of the proposals of the "committee of five".

Director, FBI (100-3-68)

October 16, 1957

SAC, Detroit (100-16906)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to SAC, Albany, and CC's other field offices dated October 9, 1957; and New York letter to Bureau dated October 9, 1957, both letters instant caption.

Referenced letters furnished information made available to the New York Office by [redacted] concerning a two-page mimeographed letter on CP, USA, stationery dated September 30, 1957. To All Districts, from [redacted] together with a registration blank.

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The Bureau's letter requested that all offices should be on the lookout for receipt of the above-mentioned letter and registration blank, as 28 of them had been mailed out to different locations by CP Headquarters.

Agents of the Detroit Office, on the alert for the above, during a contact with CS DE 623-S* on October 11, 1957, observed the above-mentioned letter and registration blank. The material made available by this source is being processed at present; and, if any additional pertinent data is developed, it will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau and New York.

All logical sources are also being alerted for information indicating that councils or clubs within District 7 are submitting information requested of the National Office of CP, USA; and the Bureau will be promptly advised concerning the receipt of same.

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- ② - New York (Registered)
- 1 - 100-1931 (CP, USA) (#19-1)
- 1 - 100-36638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (#19-1)
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- 2 - Detroit
- 1 - 100-2050 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 7)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

DATE: 10/9/57

wjm FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)(#19-1)

SUBJECT: CP; USA MEMBERSHIP
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On 10/1/57, [redacted] furnished SA JOHN A. HAAG of the NYO with a two page mimeographed letter on CP, USA stationery, dated 9/30/57, to all districts, from [redacted] Administrative Secretary, together with a registration blank. The originals of these two items are located in NY file 100-4931-A683.

The following is a copy of the above letter and registration blank which is being sent to all offices for information and for their assistance in ascertaining the identities and numbers of CP members in their respective territories:

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

23 West 26th Street . New York 10, N.Y. . MU 5-5750

September 30, 1957

TO ALL DISTRICTS:

Dear Comrades:

At the last meeting of the National Committee, the major point on the order of business dealt with Party Organization. The bridge between the mass policy and

- 2 - Bureau (100-3)
- 1 - All Offices
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-80641)(CP, USA ORGANIZATION)(#19-1)
- 1 - New York (100-80638)(CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)(#19-1)
- 1 - New York (100-4931)(#19-1)

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program initiated by that Committee meeting and our ability to carry it out depends upon the state of Party Organization. The Draft Plan of work placed the question this way:

"The National Committee recognizes that its ability to implement the above program (On Issues) is inseparably linked to this next phase, namely - the rebuilding of the Party itself."

The starting point of any approach to the problem of the rebuilding of our Party requires a knowledge of the status of our organization. We cannot continue to depend for our knowledge of the membership of our organization on what the report called the "best educated guess of the District leadership." This is especially emphasized when even within the District leaderships there is disagreement about whose guess is best educated.

In the past, dues payment served as a rough barometer of our membership. It cannot serve as such now. The only thing that it emphasizes now (average dues payment monthly - 4000) is the state of organizational crisis that we are in. It reflects our lack of contact with our membership either through their participation in organized branch activity or personal contact.

In order to begin the process of pulling together our membership, to begin the fight for the reestablishment of our Party organization, to meet and tackle some of the ideological problems which hamstring effective action on political issues, and in order to reach our members with our program of action, the Draft Plan of Work proposed the organization of registration of members to begin approximately October 1st.

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We are certain that most of the Districts have already begun preparations for this registration. If not, we urge that the Districts immediately call meetings of their leading committees, discuss the problems to be met with in the process of registration, set certain objectives for themselves, and assign individuals to specific areas and fields of Party organization. By October 15, the actual registration should begin to roll.

We are not sending out long drawn out instructions on the process of registration. The comrades in the Districts have had enough experience on the organization of such a campaign. We would like to make a few suggestions.

1. On the information that we would like to obtain regarding our membership, we are sending you registration blanks. As you can see they request a minimum of information: Age, length of time in the Party, Male, Female, Negro, white, Industry, subscriber to Worker or Daily Worker.
2. Material in the form of kits to be distributed to members that we visit might contain "Party Affairs," the resolution adopted by the 16th National Convention, our New Constitution, and as additional literature, the "Proceedings of the Convention".
3. The complete results of the referendum on dues payment have not come in, which is one reason we suggest the actual process of registration take place October 15th. However, we urge that where it is possible to begin the collection of dues and get registration completed among the actives, that this be done immediately on the old basis. Under normal circumstances, this would not be a pressing matter. Unfortunately,

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comrades, the National Office is in a financial crisis and unless there is an increase in this major source of income immediately, much of the work suggested on the fight for Civil Rights, and on the Labor front, will have to be shelved.

4. While we are setting up percentages and target dates, our objective is to complete the registration by January 1st. To achieve this will require a well organized drive with the drawing up of lists, mobilization of branches and actives, establishment of teams, constant check-up and evaluation of the progress of the drive, and possibly creating target dates to be achieved in the Districts.

Comradely yours,

Henry Aron
Administrative Secretary

The informant stated that only 28 copies of this letter were made and sent out by mail. It is believed that each district received only one copy. Therefore informants should be carefully instructed to be extremely careful in obtaining information along these lines so as not to compromise or their own informant status.

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Director, FBI (100-3-68)

October 22, 1957

SAC, Pittsburgh (100-8664)

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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ReBulet to Albany, 10/9/57.

PG 148-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 10/16/57 advised [redacted] that a meeting was held on the evening of that date at the apartment of [redacted] which was attended by [redacted]

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[redacted] at this meeting stated that everyone was present with the exception of [redacted] at this meeting identified individuals in attendance as members of the District Committee.

[redacted] acted as chairman at this meeting at which the order of business was a discussion on organization and administration of the CP. [redacted] gave a report on organization wherein he stated that this was the usual period of registration and the time to check up on the status of the Party. He stated that they must use this period to literally go out and find their people. He said that last year their registration figures were about 100; that this figure was approximate since they did not know how many members they had in coal and at New Kensington (Pa.), but they felt they had about 120 people. [redacted] related that there was a big difference between this year and last; that they have a few groups which function sporadically; and that the problem had become a question of what they are going to do about organization and registration. He stated that they must begin to move toward setting up clubs which are not now functioning and in order to do so they will have to be flexible. [redacted] stated that it is important at this time to determine who wants to belong to the Party; if these individuals are willing to pay one year's dues; how they can get these individuals together; and that it will be necessary for them to forget how rigid the organization once was.

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[redacted] continued by stating that the National Committee had sent out a letter concerning registration wherein they wanted to know the total registration of the various districts.

[redacted] stated also that they must send the dues to the National Office quickly because the National Office is "broke." He stated that the National Office stressed that they immediately register all the actives they could and then break down the areas for contacts. [redacted] then set forth as an example the East Pittsburgh (Pa.) Section of District 5, CP, which according to registration rolls showed 20 people. He added that he did not know how they would find these people again but that it would entail sitting down with [redacted] and working it out.

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[redacted] stated that there is no such thing as the Coal Section but that they have been calling it that for a long time and that as he had stated previously they would have to be flexible. He stated that the main problem is to find persons who want their names in the Party and want to be around; that it is necessary to have a lot of faith in the Party in this period and if you do not have faith you cannot convince people that the Party has a future and a role to play. He stated that perhaps "sputnik" will help them but that it is going to be a big job. He added that where they have organization they should strengthen it and where they do not have organization they should create it, because without organization they cannot accomplish anything.

[redacted] stated that the first thing they should do is make sure that people want to be members of the Party. He added that he had been in contact with some people and he knows they want to remain; that there are a number of people in the category who want to wait and see what happens; that it is up to them to make the change; and if things are not resolved in their minds in six months they can always quit. [redacted] stated that they now have a simple explanation sheet or form to fill out which sets forth data as: Age, Male or Female, Negro or White, Number of Years in the Party, and Remarks. He stated that the form does not contain names; that it is made out for branches; and that they will be using it for this district.

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[redacted] stated that they are going to have a lot of people who are not ready to be registered yet and that he would rather have 10 persons who know what they want than 100 who do not know. [redacted] stated that the last time he was registered

was two years ago; that he is certain he was not registered last year; that when he was registered he was four months behind in his dues and it was not his fault. [redacted] stated also that they have to be careful about registering deadwood and then raised the question of registering people in a group. He stated that he would not consent to this because he would want to be registered quietly and privately and that he might shock the individuals present by refusing if approached in a group.

[redacted] commented that they would be surprised what a political discussion can do; that some of the old timers in Squirrel Hill (Branch, District 5, CP) started to raise questions after some political discussions. He stated that these people were almost lost but after a couple of meetings they took literature and brought in money for the Party.

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[redacted] (LNU) stated that the Party had been almost entirely a fund raising agency and that it is now good to be able to have political discussions.

[redacted] stated that they should break away from isolationism and remarked that too often in the past dues of the members had not been paid. He stated that in unions, churches, and other organizations people pay or get out; that even if people only pay ten cents per week, let them pay so they will not have anyone in the category who cannot pay.

[redacted] stated that it is useless to hold discussions locally without leadership from the organization nationally.

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[redacted] remarked that they should formulate something within this group to use as a guide for the Party of Western Pennsylvania and its problems.

It was agreed by individuals present that [redacted] would make up a draft of the Party's purposes.

PG 145-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 10/10/57 advised that [redacted] as of that date, had in his possession a two page letter dated 9/30/57 addressed to all districts which was written over the name [redacted]

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[redacted] CP, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, N. Y., and which concerned the registration drive of the CP. Accompanying this letter was a columnar sheet to be utilized by the various districts in the registration drive. This sheet requested data re sex, race, years in the Party, industry, whether subscriber to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker," and remarks concerning the members.

PG 100-8664

PG 145-S* on 10/10/57 advised that [redacted] also had in his possession a one page letter dated 9/57 addressed to all District Organizers written over the name [redacted] CP, USA, which concerned the financial crisis of the CP.

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It is noted that the above letters are identical to the enclosures forwarded with relet.

Other informants of the Pittsburgh Division who are familiar with certain phases of CP and related activities in the Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia areas are being alerted concerning the existence of the above letters and registration drive of the CP, as per instructions set forth in relet.

SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]

10/24/57

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

Balto. Md.
Oct. 17, 1957

"On October 11, 1957, about 8 PM, the writer visited the home of [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The writer remained there, engaging in conversation until about 11 PM. The writer asked [redacted] if he thought that the writer should re-enter the Communist Party. [redacted] replied that he wouldn't because he doesn't believe in the dictatorship of the proletariat, he doesn't believe in democratic centralism as it leads to bureaucracy, and dictatorship, and he doesn't believe in the one party system as this is also a dictatorship.

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[redacted] said that up until the STALIN blow-up, he and [redacted] lived the Communist Party. Everything in their lives was geared toward it, but the STALIN dictatorship pointed out that what he [redacted] thought he was fighting for was a lie.

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[redacted] said he is for the furthering of democracy towards socialism, but that is the road that the United States is traveling now. He said we don't need any kind of dictatorship or revolution, but can do it peacefully, as is occurring now.

[redacted] who had a long record of work in the Communist Party, said that although [redacted] specifically told Party officials that he wouldn't re-register last year, she just remained away from all activity as she was deeply disgusted with it. She said that based upon her long years of service in the Party, one would think that someone from the Party would visit her to speak to her about coming back into the Party, or why she left. She said that this showed that the Party had very poor organization now, and probably no membership to do this kind of important work, and this was in Brooklyn, N. Y., which along with Manhattan was THE CENTER of the Communist Party in the United States.

[redacted] said she began to see negative things about the Party long before the STALIN expose. She said the Party was not for the benefit of the people of the United States, and she wanted nothing to do with it.

[redacted] said to me if I rejoined the Party what could I do? He said you can't go to the workers and tell them in any way that you believe in Party policy after the way it has discredited itself. [redacted] said he himself has no intention of rejoining the Party, and he didn't know what the writer could gain by doing so.

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[redacted] and the writer spoke of the Grace Line Shore Gang, which worked on the docks in New York City. In that gang was a Party unit, of which the writer and

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[redacted] were members. [redacted] said that one [redacted] [redacted] who had been a member of the Party, signed a written statement during the Korean War stating that all of the members of the Party were in that Shore Gang. [redacted] looked upon this action in a negative manner. This signed statement was done in the presence of top officials of the Shipyard Union, to which the Shore Gang (Local 22) was affiliated.

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[redacted] had lost his position a few weeks ago, and the writer asked him if he thought it was for political reasons. He replied no, and he said that he didn't think that the FBI would intentionally go out of its way to have someone discharged unless it was in vital work.

[redacted] did make a significant point. He said he was called on the phone at home and said it was in reference to reporting for jury duty. This happened a number of times at home. His wife would say that he wasn't home. He maintained that it wasn't legitimate jury duty as they send out a notice for it. Besides if he hadn't responded to all of those phone calls they certainly would have followed it through. [redacted] was of the opinion that it was the FBI. He said he was called one final time at the place that he worked, and he 'blasted' them over the phone, and said if you want me for jury duty send it through regular channels, and don't bother him any more. He never heard from them again.

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[redacted] don't get the Daily Worker any more, but do get the Guardian.

"P.S. [redacted] gave me copies of Dec. 1956, and March, 1957, 'Mainstream,' also copy of 9/9/57 issue of 'I. F. Stone's Weekly,' and the 'National Guardian' 9/23/57 issue."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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Quarterly Period - 7/1 - 9/30/57

SYNOPSIS: National office of CP, USA located 23 W. 26th St., NYC, in building shared with NY State CP. Removal to Chicago, voted by 16th Convention in 2/57, still being discussed, with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, National Committee member from Chicago having suggested possibility that CP office there might be dynamited. At National Committee meeting held 7/27 and 28/57, in NYC, EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary for National Affairs, spoke of need to expand efforts to stop H-bomb tests. SID STEIN, Organization Secretary, at same meeting, said CP must be re-established and re-organized and no question exists of basic scientific outlook, Marxism-Leninism, and there must be rejection of idea capitalism will change. He said NC must end uncertainty and demobilization. STEIN suggested possibility of organizing meetings between CP and non-Party people with view to exchanging experiences and bringing in members through persuasion. Proposal to re-organize staff of "Daily Worker" and to

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shift JOE CLARK, its foreign editor to other work, defeated. PETTIS PERRY, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ROBERT THOMPSON, and JACK STACHEL added to NC, with last two then being added as well to National Executive Committee, they having been freed from prison or legal restriction. Representative of Southern Regional Committee on 8/4/57, stated CP problem in South is not rebuilding, but how to grow. Draft of CP budget has tentatively allocated \$10,000 for "Southern Affairs".

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[redacted], on 9/30/57, wrote to all districts urging beginning of registration of members on 10/15/57, with completion by 1/1/58. Registration form requests data on age, length of time in CP, sex, race, industry and whether subscriber to "DW" or "The Worker" Income of CP, USA 1/1/57 to 7/31/57, \$140,546.77, with expenditures of \$127,963.75; assets as of 7/31/57 \$19,782.20 and liabilities of \$28,512.56. HELEN WINTER, reporting for Audit Committee to NEC meeting 9/13-15/57, stated the CP financial position was critical with reserves low. Members of NC instructed to report at the CP National office prior to 7/27 and 28/57 meeting, thereafter being directed to actual meeting place, Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st St., NYC. At National Administrative Committee meeting, 7/12/57, DENNIS said leadership should give special attention to ending factions and factional attitudes, and stressed unity to carry through line of Convention. JOHN GATES, "DW" editor, said Party is needed in which all views may prevail while agreeing on basic question, and he urged Party without purges.

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STEIN in report to NC said losses were largest where factionalism is greatest. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER at the same meeting of NC stated "Right" is now main danger to CP. DENNIS at 7/12/57, NAC meeting, stated dismissal of certain leaders of CPSU initiated policy which will ease international tensions and he disagreed with those who say what took place in CPSU is Russian phenomenon and of no concern to CP, USA. At NC meeting DENNIS urged work for universal pledges to outlaw A and H weapons and fight for peaceful application of atomic energy. DENNIS in 9/57, suggested use of JOHN WILLIAMSON, deported former NC member, as contact man to go to USSR, explain relationship of forces in US, and obtain clarification of policy. He noted difficulty of achieving representation of "Right" and "Left" wing points of view. WILLIAMSON, on 7/30/57, wrote that consideration should be given to demand for return of those deported for political views. "Kommunist", theoretical organ of CPSU, criticized JOHN GATES as "revisionist" and "pseudo-Communist". "DW" 9/15/57, editorially asked what purpose would be served by UN resolution condemning Soviet action in Hungary, it being said that regardless of one's views, cause of world peace will not benefit from drive to thrust UN into Hungarian internal affairs. Rule of Wall St. banks and corporations in "semi-colonies" of Cuba and Haiti said by "The Worker" editorial on 7/7/57, to be most ruthless colonialism in world. DENNIS in 9/25/57, letter to NC members and state officers, called for recommendations re 1958 Congressional elections and asking, among other things, about possibilities for promoting broad labor-Negro-farmer electoral allegiances.

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"DW" editorial on 8/21/57 opposed bill introduced by Rep. FRANCIS WALTER, regarding it as new effort to gag labor, Negro people and all fighting for peaceful, democratic and progressive America, and saying such people will see that defense of Constitution requires junking it. Leaflet "Amnesty Campaign-1957 Plan of Action" outlines aim of securing executive clemency for GILBERT GREEN and HENRY WINSTON, with the campaign to reach its peak during Christmas holidays. At NC meeting BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Secretary for Negro Affairs, said two principal issues before country are H-bomb tests and civil rights. "DW" of 7/31/57 reported announcement by CP of attempt to reverse NYS ruling denying jobless benefits to party employees, ruling being challenged by NC as one of "far reaching importance to American people". FRED FINE reported on CP Labor policy at NEC meeting 9/13-15/57, saying many labor leaders have left CP, but picture is better on shop level. He noted CP has given no set policy and line must be established on gangsterism, inflation and labor unity. NAC on 9/23/57 declared its welcome of President's action on Little Rock and asked that this evoke a new pattern of civic responsibility to wipe out discrimination and segregation from national life. It stated developments had pointed up need for new broad measures of law enforcement by federal government. In memo: "Status of Preparation for a National Conference on Youth Affairs" by EARL DURHAM, Secretary for Youth Work, he sees reappraisal of youth question as part of struggle for democratic coalition for peace and democracy, and task is to relate question to overall struggle for socialism. He urged integration in party life of younger comrades and was hoping for national youth conference in late fall.

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"DW" on 7/31/57, reported that 160 Americans participated in Sixth World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow. DENNIS at 7/27/57 NC meeting stated women's organizations, such as PTA, church and others, were not sufficiently mobilized in efforts to ban testing of A and H bombs. Memo to NC members from CARL ROSS, Secretary for Farm Affairs, reported proposals agreed upon at Farm Commission meetings on 7/27/57, one being that practical and theoretical discussion be initiated on basic problems in agriculture, to deal with effects of "efficiency in farming" and likelihood of trend toward socialist agriculture, among others. Article in "DW" 9/13/57, expressed opposition to NYC Board of Education ban on MARK TWAIN's "Huckleberry Finn" as "racially offensive", claiming story shows TWAIN's hatred of barbarous slave system. Future Yugoslav CP activities will be joint undertaking of pro-Tito and pro-Russian factions, this program to commence shortly after 10/10/57. "Greek American Tribune" on 9/15/57, initiated subscription and \$8,000 fund campaign on success of which depends cut from weekly to bi-weekly publication. \$1,952 raised as of 10/1/57. "DW" average circulation for year prior to 10/1/57 stated as 5,574 and circulation of "The Worker" as 10,202. On 9/18/57, paper announced yield of only \$45,000 from \$100,000 fund drive would make necessary reduction of "DW" to 4 pages, 4 days a week and retention of "The Worker" in 12 pages. Informant states funds to effect change have been denied paper by FOSTER faction, this being squeeze play to drive GATES group from control of "DW", or kill paper.

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Informant reports effort to re-establish education system of CP, with announcement to be made of faculty for series of classes in NYC in rented hall, this plan calling for classes to start 10/21/57. Among subjects listed are: New Problems in Marxist Theory; US Capitalism Today; the Marxist Method, What it Is, How it Functions.

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On September 30, 1957, T-15 provided a copy of a letter dated September 30, 1957, directed to all districts from HENRY ARON, Administrative Secretary.

This letter noted that in the last National Committee meeting a major point was Party organization. It was also stated that the draft plan of work stated that the ability of the Party to implement its program on issues was linked to the rebuilding of the Party. The starting point in the approach to the rebuilding was said to require a knowledge of the status of the organization, it being remarked that they could not continue to base knowledge on what had been called the "best educated guess of the district leadership." ARON pointed out in his letter that this was specifically emphasized by the fact that even within district leadership there was disagreement about whose guess was the best educated. He went on to say that the draft plan of work proposed organization of the registration of members to begin approximately October 1, 1957. Certainty was expressed that the district had already begun preparations for the registration but if not it was urged that the district enter into discussions and make assignments in order that by October 15, 1957 the actual registration might begin.

Further in the letter ARON stated that it was being suggested in order to obtain information they would like regarding the membership, registration blanks were being sent requesting a minimum of information, namely age, length of time in the CP, sex, race (Negro or white), industry, subscriber to "Worker" or "Daily Worker." It was suggested

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that material in the form of kits be distributed to those visited and these kits might contain "Party Affairs," the resolution adopted by the 16th Convention, the new CP constitution and "Proceedings of the Convention."

Further, it was stated that complete results on the referendum on dues had not come in, this being one reason why the opening of registration was suggested for October 15, 1957. It was urged that where possible the collection of dues be done immediately on the old basis. While under normal circumstances this would not be pressing, unfortunately, the CP is in a financial crisis and unless there is an increase in this major source of income much of the work suggested in the fight for civil rights and on the labor front would have to be shelved.

It was said that while percentages and target dates were not being set up, the objective is to complete registration by January 1, 1958.

A perusal of the copy of the registration form provided by T-15 discloses that it is divided by lines and columns with data on registrants being placed on successive lines and the appropriate information mentioned above entered in the columns indicated. The form does not provide for the entry of the name of a registrant. The last column on the sheet is entered "Remarks" and the instructions provide that there is to be entered therein pertinent information regarding a member's comments.

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II. INDIVIDUALS

The following named individuals, mentioned in this report, may be identified as follows:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The "Daily Worker" of July 31, 1957, page 1, column 1, reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the Labor Secretary of the New York State CP.

JAMES ALLEN

JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over 20 years, who, at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised in July, 1953, that JAMES ALLEN was formerly editor of the "Daily Worker" and head of the Control Commission of the CP, USA.

T-9 advised on February 13, 1957, that JAMES ALLEN attended the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in New York City, February 9-12, 1957, as a delegate from the Southern Region.

HERBERT APTHEKER

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the trial of the United States versus Kuzma, Et Al, for violation of the Smith Act in the United States District Court, Philadelphia. He testified that he was a member of the CP, and had been a member of the CP since 1939.

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T-2 advised on March 21, 1957, that [redacted] was joining the staff of the CP National Office to serve as "inside man in charge of finances."

T-16 advised on May 14, 1957, that [redacted] had been elected Administrative Secretary-Treasurer.

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ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was convicted for violation of the Smith Act on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

ALBERT BLUMBERG

BLUMBERG was convicted in United States District Court, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act in that he was a member of the CP, knowing that it taught and advocated the overthrow and destruction of the United States Government by force and violence. The conviction is being appealed.

"Party Affairs", August, 1957, announced that the National Committee, CP, USA, at its meeting of July 27 and 28, 1957, approved appointment of BLUMBERG as National Legislative Director.

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T-2 advised on June 3, 1955, that [redacted] was, as of that date, the head of the Labor Progressive Party of Canada.

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GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Committee, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1, reported that CHARNEY was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

CHARNEY was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act. His conviction is on appeal.

JOSEPH CLARK

The "Daily Worker," February 23, 1955, page 1, column 4, announced that JOSEPH CLARK, who was that publication's correspondent in the Soviet Union, would move to the post of the "Daily Worker" foreign editor.

The "Daily Worker" page 4, columns 1-5, issue of September 9, 1957, sets out a letter from JOSEPH CLARK to the editor, "Daily Worker," in which CLARK notes that, after 28 years of association, he was resigning as an editor of the "Daily Worker" and member of the CP because he no longer found it possible to serve the cause of American socialism through them.

JESUS COLON

T-4 advised on April 4, 1957, that at the re-convened session of the New York State CP Convention, held on March 30 and 31, 1957, in New York City, JESUS COLON was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA.

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1, reported that DAVIS was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27-28, 1957.

DAVIS was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

T-8 has advised on June 3, 1957, that DAVIS had been elected Secretary for Negro Affairs and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

DAVE DAVIS

T-9, has reported on April 29, 1957, that DAVE DAVIS was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker" May 6, 1957, reported that DAVIS had been elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting on April 27 and 28, 1957.

DAVIS was convicted on August 13, 1954, in United States District Court, Philadelphia, for violation of the Smith Act. This conviction is on appeal.

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EUGENE DENNIS

The "Daily Worker" of February 13, 1957, identified EUGENE DENNIS as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9 to 12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1, reported that DENNIS was one of 20 elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

DENNIS was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

T-8, on June 3, 1957, advised that DENNIS had been elected Secretary of National Affairs and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

EARL DURHAM

The "Daily Worker" of February 13, 1957, identified EARL DURHAM as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, column 1, reported that DURHAM was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8 advised on June 3, 1957, that DURHAM had been elected Secretary for Youth Work at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

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FRED FINE

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified FINE as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that FINE was elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8 has advised on June 3, 1957, that FINE had been elected Secretary for Labor Affairs and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

FINE was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction is on appeal.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that FLYNN was elected, subject to her acceptance, as a member of the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

FLYNN was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on January 21, 1957, for violation of the Smith Act.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1, reported that FOSTER was elected chairman emeritus and to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

FOSTER was indicted in United States District Court, New York, on July 20, 1948, for violation of the Smith Act. He has not been tried because of his health.

JOHN GATES

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified JOHN GATES as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1, reported that GATES was one of 20 elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8, on June 3, 1957, advised that GATES had been elected Secretary for Public Relations and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957. This informant has also described GATES as Editor-in-Chief of the "Daily Worker".

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GATES was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

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T-45 advised on October 9, 1957 that [redacted] was then a reporter for the "Daily Worker" and was also acting as business manager for the "Daily Worker".

GILBERT GREEN

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified GILBERT GREEN as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

GREEN was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act and he is presently confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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T-41 advised on September 5, 1957 that [redacted] [redacted] of the SRC of the CP.

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DOROTHY HEALEY

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified DOROTHY HEALEY as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9 to 12, 1957.

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The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that HEALEY was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting on April 27 and 28, 1957.

HEALEY was indicted December 21, 1951, at Los Angeles for violation of the Smith Act. She awaits a new trial.

HOSEA HUDSON

T-9 advised on August 9, 1957, that HOSEA HUDSON was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, representing the Southern Region.

WILLIAM ALPHAEUS HUNTON

An article entitled: "Friends Cheer Hunton's Return From Prison" appearing in the December 10, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker," page 3, column 1, reflects that Dr. ALPHEAUS HUNTON had been released the previous day from the Federal Prison, Petersburg, Virginia, where he had served a six months prison term for contempt of court. The article stated that Dr. HUNTON had been sentenced to prison with other representatives of the Civil Rights Congress for "refusing to be a stool pigeon."

T-9, on February 6, 1956, identified a photograph of WILLIAM ALPHAEUS HUNTON as being identical with the Dr. HUNTON who attended the meetings of the National Negro Commission of the CP on January 7 and 8, 1956, in New York City.

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JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.

The "Daily Worker ", February 13, 1957, identified JAMES E. JACKSON as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9 to 12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page three, column one, reported that JACKSON was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8 has advised on June 3, 1957 that JACKSON had been elected Secretary for Southern Affairs and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

JACKSON was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on July 31, 1956, for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction is on appeal.

VICTOR J. JEROME

VICTOR J. JEROME was convicted on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act.

ARNOLD S. JOHNSON

On January 21, 1953, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act.

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On March 18, 1953, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and JAMES H. KAVANAGH. He admitted APLA membership but emphatically indicated that he did not wish to admit that he was, or deny that he was not, or ever had been, a member of the CP.

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On August 15, 1957, T-9 identified [REDACTED] as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, representing the Southern Region.

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On August 21, 1957, T-3 advised that [REDACTED] was, as of that date, a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, and of the National Trade Union Commission.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that LIGHTFOOT was elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

LIGHTFOOT was convicted January 26, 1955, in United States District Court, Chicago, for violation of the Smith Act. He has been granted a new trial.

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ALBERT JASON "MICKEY" LIMA

On April 29, 1957, T-9 described "MICKEY" LIMA as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, reported that LIMA was elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting on April 27 and 28, 1957.

LIMA was indicted at Los Angeles on December 21, 1951, for violation of the Smith Act. He awaits a new trial.

HYMAN LUMER

T-9, on April 29, 1957, identified HY LUMER as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that LUMER was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8 advised on June 3, 1957, that LUMER had been elected Secretary of Education and Publications and to the National Administrative Committee at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

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The "Daily Worker" of January 15, 1957, announced that [redacted] had been appointed editor of "The Worker".

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On February 16, 17, 1956, [redacted] California, a former CP member, identified a photograph of [redacted] as being identical with [redacted] whose LACCP card for 1937 or 1938 indicated he had joined the CP in 1931.

GEORGE MEYERS

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified GEORGE MEYERS as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9 to 12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that MEYERS was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

MEYERS was convicted April 1, 1952, in United States District Court in Baltimore for violation of the Smith Act.

TOM NABRIED

On April 29, 1957, T-19 identified TOM NABRIED as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

On August 13, 1954, NABRIED was convicted in United States District Court, Philadelphia, for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction is being appealed.

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STEVE NELSON

T-3 advised on July 30, 1957, that STEVE NELSON, as of July 30, 1957, was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

[REDACTED]

T-39 has advised on January 12, 1953 that he knew [REDACTED] in 1948 to be a member of the MALTEZOS Greek Communist Club of the Chelsea Section of the Communist Party, USA, in New York City.

WILLIAM PATTERSON

On April 1 and 4, 1957, T-4 advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, former executive secretary of the now defunct Civil Rights Congress was elected to the State Committee of the New York State CP.

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[REDACTED]

T-15 has advised on September 11, 1956, that [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] had been observed performing clerical duties at the office of the CP, USA.

VICTOR PERLO

T-8 advised on October 16, 1956, that according to a CP functionary, VICTOR PERLO had been head of the CP Economic Committee for over a year.

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PETTIS PERRY

PETTIS PERRY was convicted on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

IRVING POTASH

The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, identified IRVING POTASH as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

POTASH was convicted October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act. After completion of sentence, he voluntarily deported himself on March 4, 1955. He was arrested on January 4, 1957, for illegal entry into the United States and is serving a sentence of two years.

[REDACTED]

The records of the Office of Special Investigation reflect that a card number 4916 captioned "Transfer Card", believed by that agency to be Communist material, was found about December 5, 1946, and contained the following information:

"To South Carolina. Columbia County member [REDACTED] new address, [REDACTED] South Carolina from Fort-George Branch, Washington Heights Section, New York City, New York, date of transfer July 2, 1946."

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On May 10, 1954, T-37, advised that the transfer card was an authentic CP transfer card of the type used in 1946.

It is noted that [REDACTED] was formerly known as [REDACTED] who resided at [REDACTED] South Carolina.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-3, on April 29, 1957, identified [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as a member of the National Committee of the
CP, USA.

[REDACTED] was convicted in the United States District
Court, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 13, 1954, for
violation of the Smith Act. His conviction is being
appealed.

[REDACTED]

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The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957,
identified [REDACTED] as one of 20 members-at-large
of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at
its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3, column 1,
reported that ROSS was one of 20 elected to the CP National
Executive Committee at a National Committee Meeting held
April 27 and 28, 1957.

T-8, on June 3, 1957, advised that [REDACTED] had been
elected Secretary of Farm Work at the National Executive
Committee meeting on May 22 and 23, 1957.

MICHAEL RUSSO

On April 29, 1957, T-9 reported that MICHAEL RUSSO
was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, page 3,
reported that RUSSO was elected to the National Executive
Committee at a National Committee meeting on April 27
and 28, 1957.

RUSSO was indicted on May 29, 1956, at Boston
for violation of the Smith Act.

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[REDACTED]

On March 7, 1944, T-36 advised that one [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been issued a transfer of membership from the CP of Philadelphia (West Philadelphia) to the CP in New York on September 26, 1942.

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[REDACTED]

T-38, on June 28, 1957, stated that he knew [REDACTED] to be a member of the Greek Section of the CP, USA, in New York City, from 1929 to 1934.

JUNIUS SCALES

JUNIUS SCALES was convicted on April 22, 1955, in United States District Court, Middle District, North Carolina, for violation of the Smith Act. On October 14, 1957, the United States Supreme Court reversed SCALES conviction.

JACK SHULMAN

On September 25, 1957, T-7 advised that JACK SHULMAN is the chauffeur and personal secretary of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

[REDACTED]

T-4 advised on May 6, 1957, that [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] was elected a member of the New York County CP staff at the New York County CP Convention held on May 5, 1957, in New York City.

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T-15 advised on September 20, 1957, that [REDACTED] was then performing clerical work for the CP, USA.

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JACK STACHEL

The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, identified JACK STACHEL as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

STACHEL was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

[REDACTED]

On October 4, 1957, T-42 advised that, on September 24, 1957, a Communist Party meeting was held at [REDACTED] residence. The informant added that the purpose of this meeting was to organize a group to be known as the Tenant Club and into which he was to recruit former Communist Party members of the Harlem Section.

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On September 20, 1957, T-15 described [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as the superintendent of the premises of the CP at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

SIDNEY STEIN

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified STEIN as one of 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that STEIN was elected to the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA at a National Committee meeting on April 27 and 28, 1957.

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On May 29, 1957, T-2 advised that SID STEIN was appointed to the National Administrative Committee of the CP, USA, and was given the title of Organizational Secretary.

STEIN was convicted on July 31, 1956, in U.S. District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction is on appeal.

[REDACTED]

T-9 advised on April 29, 1957, that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that [REDACTED] was elected to the CP National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

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ROBERT G. THOMPSON

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified THOMPSON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

THOMPSON was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949 for violation of the Smith Act.

PAT TOOHEY

On June 24, 1957, T-8 advised that PAT TOOHEY was then a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

LOUIS WEIBSTOCK

LOUIS WEINSTOCK was convicted on January 21, 1953, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

MAX WEISS

T-9 has advised in November, 1956, that MAX WEISS was then a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA and was National Educational Director.

WEISS was indicted in United States District Court, Chicago, on May 14, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act. He has not yet been tried.

JOHN WILLIAMSON

The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, identified JOHN WILLIAMSON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

WILLIAMSON was convicted October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, New York, for violation of the Smith Act. He was released from prison on March 1, 1955.

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WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant of deportation and departed the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

HENRY WINSTON

The "Daily Worker", January 1, 1951, identified HENRY WINSTON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at its 15th National Convention.

WINSTON was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. WINSTON is presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana

CARL WINTER

The "Daily Worker", February 13, 1957, identified CARL WINTER as one of the 20 members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA elected at the 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker", May 6, 1957, reported that WINTER had been elected to the National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27 and 28, 1957.

WINTER was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

HELEN WINTER

T-44 has advised that at the Michigan CP State Convention held on March 24, 1957, HELEN WINTER was elected to the State Committee of the Michigan CP.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was listed on page 86 of "Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of the CPA, New York, 5/20-22/44" as being among the honored guests.

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III. GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following named organizations and publications, mentioned in this report, may be characterized as follows:

1. ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (APLA)

Designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

2. CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC)

Designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3. "DAILY WORKER" (DW)

An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

4. "GREEK AMERICAN TRIBUNE",
also known as: Bema, Vima

On June 28, 1957, T-38 advised that the "Greek American Tribune," also known as "Bema" or "Vima" is a Greek language weekly newspaper published by the Proodos Publishing Company, 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

T-38 stated that this newspaper consistently follows the line of the Communist Party, USA, and that of the line of the international Communist movement.

T-38 further stated that [redacted]

[redacted] control the policy of this newspaper.

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LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF CANADA (LPP)

T-2 has described the LPP as the Canadian Communist Party of Canada.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE

Designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"LRAPER"

"LRAPER" is an Armenian language publication owned by the APLA.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Daily Worker", December 9, 1948, editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish language Communist newspaper.

"NARODNI GLASNIK"

Cited as Communist.

"PARTY AFFAIRS"

This is described on its masthead as "A Publication of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA."

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

1. Cited as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ," "Political Affairs, formerly known as the Communist, "a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America," now calls itself "a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism." Its chief editor is Eugene Dennis, executive secretary of the party. (Committee on

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Un-American Activities, House Report on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, 1920, May 11, 1948, pp 5 and 36; also cited in House Report 209 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power, April 1, 1947, p 25.).

"THE WORKER"

The weekend edition of the "Daily Worker".

YUGOSLAV AMERICAN COOPERATIVE HOME, INC.

Designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
October 18, 1957

Re: Communist Party, USA
Internal Security-C

All informants mentioned in the report of SA Joseph V. Waters, dated New York, October 18, 1957, have furnished reliable information in the past, or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

DATE: 10/18/57

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
IS-C

Enclosed are seven copies of a report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 10/18/57, NY. Copies of this report have been designated for all offices in accordance with specific Bureau instructions.

Also enclosed are two copies each of pages noting that no information was developed during the pertinent period concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

Underground Operations
Veterans' Matters
Religion

There are also furnished the Bureau as enclosures two sets of pages setting out information obtained during the period of this report under the title: International Relations. One set of these pages is forwarded as an enclosure to each office. The information is set forth separately because it tends to identify the source.

A part of this memorandum is a list of informants used in the report, together with their identification.

Also enclosed are seven copies for the Bureau, and one copy to each office, of a memorandum, suitable for dissemination, setting out the reliability of these informants.

2-Bureau (100-3) (RM) (ENCL 24)
1-All Offices (RM) (ENCL 3)

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NEW YORK

At New York, N. Y.:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA for the quarterly period, 10/1/57 to 12/31/57

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 7/19/57.

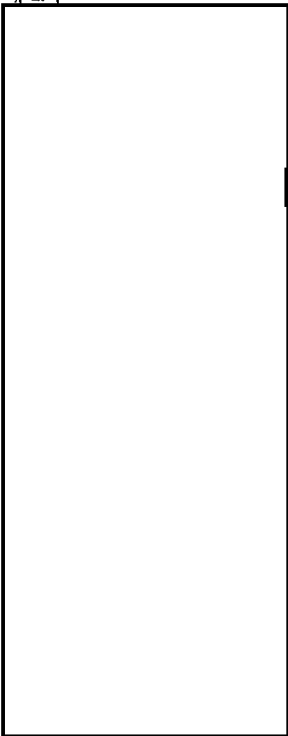
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Persons included as
members of Peace and
Foreign Affairs Committee.

Letter signed by
 General
Secretary, CP of
Israel

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NY 694-S*

MAX WEISS to participate in
formation of CP
program.

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NY 694-S*

Documentation:

SID STEIN



LPP of Canada

CP, USA national
office weekly payroll
figures

CP preparing to
publish a national
bulletin

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CG 5824-S*

EUGENE DENNIS
comments re CP USA
delegation going
to Russia

Report on LPP
presented at NEC
meeting, 9/15/57

CP USA audit committee
report

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CG 5024-S*

CP USA national
office appeal for
funds

Book by VICTOR
PERLO: "The Empire of
High Finance" sold at
National Committee
Meeting, 7/27-28/57

National Committee
approved HERBERT
APTHEKER as editor
of "Political Affairs"

Document: "Memo on
Office Procedures"

National Administrative
Committee Meeting,
7/12/57

National Executive
Committee Meeting,
9/13 to 15/57

Comments made by
STEVE NELSON
at NC Meeting held
7/27,28/57

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CG 5824-S*	Meeting of Peace Commission of Foreign Affairs Committee, 7/15/57
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Contact with CP
of Mexico

Report of [redacted]
[redacted] to LPP
of Canada

Treatment of
[redacted] in
Moscow

Documentation:
STEVE NELSON

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Documentation:
JESUS COLON

Documentation
of WILLIAM L.
PATTERSON,

[redacted]

Meeting of
"DW" staff on
/2/57

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T-5
NY 2002-S*

Letter from [redacted]
[redacted] CP of
Japan, to NC.

CP USA national
office payroll.

Audit of CP USA
financial records

Furnished memorandum
from HENRY ARON
dated 8/21/57
concerning "Party
Affairs"; and
copy of "Party
Affairs" "Memo to
Members of the N.C."

Occupancy of 23 W. 26th
St., NYC by
CP, USA and NY State
CP

Letter 7/1/57
extending invitation
to reception on
7/8/57

Letter 8/12/57, to
NEC members

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NY 2002-S*	Proposed agenda of NEC meeting 9/13 to 15/57
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Three page leaflet
entitled
"Amnesty Campaign -
1957"

Civil Liberties
Commission of
CP, USA meeting
8/6/57

T-6

[Redacted]

Letter from [Redacted]
[Redacted] CP of
England to NC

Essay by WILLIAM L.
PATTERSON re CP
struggle for
Negro rights

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T-7

NY 1697-S*

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
communicated with
[Redacted]

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
reads letter
from JOHN
WILLIAMSON

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NY 1697-S*

Complaint of WILLIAM
Z. FOSTER about
his ability to write
in "DW" and that
"DW" is running
CP

Comment of WILLIAM
Z. FOSTER on article
on resignation of
JOE CLARK

Documentation:
JACK SHULMAN

T-8

[Redacted]

NEC members talk about
"Kommunist" article
concerning JOHN
GATES

Security measures
for National
Committee meeting,
7/27, 23/57

Meeting of National
Administrative
Committee,
7/12/57

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[redacted] Meeting of National
Executive Committee
9/13 to 15/57.

SID STEIN on unity
within National
Committee. CP
Problem in the
Labor Field

Report on CP
labor policy at
NEC meeting
9/24/57

Report on civil
rights struggle
at NEC meeting,
9/13/57

Furnished "Status
of Preparation for
a National Conference
on Youth Affairs"

Documentation:
EUGENE DENNIS
JOHN GATES

[redacted]
VICTOR PERLO

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Documentation:
PAT TOOHEY
JAMES E. JACKSON
FRED FINE
HY LUMER
BEN DAVIS
EARL DURHAM

T-9
CG 5824-S*

DENNIS report on
international
situation and
outlawing of
H-bomb tests

WILLIAM L.
PATTERSON
desires to visit
Latin American
countries

[REDACTED]

in Mexico City
and in contact
with comrades of
Cuban, Venezuelan,
and Mexican CPs

SID STEIN for
showdown with
extremists

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CG 5324-S*

SID STEIN mention
of proposed petition
campaign by WILLIAM
L. PATTERSON and
BEN DAVIS

National Committee
Meeting, 7/27,28/57

Surprise of EARL
DURHAM at not
being elected
Secretary for
Negro Affairs at
NC meeting

Discussion which
followed report
on CP Labor Policy
at NEC meeting
9/24/57

Information re Trade
Union Commission
Meeting scheduled
to be held,
10/25/57

BEN DAVIS comments
re: development of
united fronts

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T-9 - Continued
CG 5824-S*

<p>Comment of [redacted] [redacted] on U.S. Youth delegation to World Youth Festival</p>
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<p>Attendance of HCSEA HUDSON and [redacted] and National Committee Meeting 7/27-28/57 as representatives from southern region</p>
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Documentation:
HY LUMER
"MICKEY" LIMA
MAX WEISS
MICHAEL RUSSO
DAVE DAVIS
JAMES ALLEN
WILLIAM ALPHAEUS HUNTON
[redacted]

T-10
NY 2017-S*

<p>JOHN WILLIAMSON communicates with WILLIAM L. PATTERSON</p>

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NY 2017-S*	Scheduled meeting of Civil Liberties Commission 9/16/57
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[Redacted]

CP USA National
Office receipts
and expenditures

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CP USA National
Office assets and
liabilities

CP budget for
"Southern Affairs"
9/12/57

T-12

[Redacted]

Furnished a one
page statement
concerning the
publication of
a quarterly
bulletin by
the CP USA

GENE DENNIS
sent open letter
to President
EISENHOWER concerning
H-bomb. Copies of letter
being distributed to
CP Districts.

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T-12 - Continued

[REDACTED]	Security measures regarding recruitment Sept.-Oct., 1957
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T-13

[REDACTED]	National Committee, getting out a series of pamphlets announced at meeting of CP EPD, 8/2/57
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Furnished 5 page
memoograph outline
entitled "The 38th
Anniversary of CP
USA,..."

T-14
NK 1933-S*

Crew being organized
to work on a state-wide
mailing of EUGENE
DENNIS "Peace Folder"

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T-15

[REDACTED]	Letter from [REDACTED] and HY LUMER regarding pamphlet on farm problems.
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[Redacted]

Declaration of
NAC on Little Rock
crisis

Letter 9/30/57, on
registration and
registration form

Documentation:

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Documentation:

[Redacted]

Statement of Eugene
Dennis at National
Committee Meeting
7/27 and 28/57.

Agenda of National
Committee Meeting
7/27, 28/57 and
Committees proposed

Revised Agenda
for NC meeting

Letter 8/5/57, from
National Administrative
Committee

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[REDACTED]

Remarks of EARL DURHAM
at National Committee
Meeting, 7/27 and 28/57

EUGENE DENNIS letter
dated September 25, 1957
addressed: "To All Members
of the National Committee
and To All State Officers
and Committees".

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T-17

[REDACTED]

Security measures
regarding CP meetings
at private residences

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NY 2010-S*

Occupancy of 23 West
26th St., NYC by
CP USA and NY State CP

Arrangements for
reception on 7/8/57

NEC meeting extended
through 9/15/57

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CG 5824-S*

EUGENE DENNIS'
comments re latest
shakeup in Soviet Union

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OG 5824-S* PETTIS PERRY
move to California
and his desire to
resume activity
among Mexican workers
there

[redacted] designated
as Secretary in
charge of farmers
matters

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Documentation:
TOM NABRIED

Opposition of "right"
to move to Chicago,
Illinois

Favor of SID STEIN
toward removal
to Chicago

Withdrawal by
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
of his opposition to
removal to Chicago

[redacted] to seek
employment

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Migration of Mexicans
to industrial areas a major
problem for CP according
to PETTIS PERRY

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T-20 CG 6172-S*	CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on removal to Chicago, Illinois
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T-21 	Bill of Rights Rally, 7/24/57
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T-22 NY 1694-S*	Complaint of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER that he was not applauded at 7/27 session of National Committee meeting
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T-23 CG 6031-S*	Statement of FRED FINE that only JOE CLARK had been discussed at three meetings of NAC
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Committee of 5 to meet
on 10/3/57

T-24 NY 2031-S*	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR. on damage done to CP DAVIS' comment that National leadership is incompetent and unfit
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NY 2031-S*	Views of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. on control of "DW" and ouster of JOHN GATES
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[Redacted]

Information relating to National CP Industrial Conference

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Tentative date of 10/27/57 set for Industrial Conference

Tentative date of 10/29/57 set for National Youth Conference

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N.C. to select National Boards comprised of CP Shop workers

Information relating to organization of CP National Steel Board

Tentative date of 10/29/57 set for National Youth Conference

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information
T-27 [redacted]	National Auto Commission Meeting scheduled for 10/12 and 13/57
T-23 [redacted]	Meeting of Trade Union Committee, Eastern Pennsylvania District on 9/24/57
T-29 [redacted]	Info re "Bill of Rights Rally" held 7/24/57 at Carnegie Hall, NYC
T-30 NY 1857-S*	Information relating to reestablishing a school
T-31 NY 1696-S*	Comment by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER on article by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN
T-32 [redacted]	Meetings attended by EARL DURHAM on 8/22 and 28/57
T-33 CSNY 971-S	Identity of Executive Committee of APLA

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CSNY 971-S	APLA to begin "LRAPER" subscription campaign in Sept. 1957
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T-34

[Redacted]

Leadership of Yugoslav
Section of CP USA
decided at meeting
held in late August
or early September 1957
that future Communist
activities will be joint
activity of pro-TITO and
pro-Russian factions

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"Greek American Tribune"
initiated annual
subscription and fund
campaign in Sept.
1957 with goal of \$8,000

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Documentation:

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[REDACTED]	Documentation: "GREEK AMERICAN TRIBUNE" MICHAEL SAVIDES
[REDACTED]	

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[REDACTED]	Documentation: [REDACTED]
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NY 1989-S*

Miami CP meeting addressed by [REDACTED] 8/4/57

Documentation: "Four Cities Plan" 6/27/57

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T-41

[REDACTED]	Junius Scales dissolved CP in North Carolina
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Documentation: [REDACTED]

T-42

[REDACTED]	Documentation: [REDACTED]
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T-43

[REDACTED]	"DW"-"TW" economies CLARK resignation FOSTER -GATES factionalism
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T-44 DE 623-S*	Documentation: HELEN WINTER
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Symbols T-3, T-9 and T-19, have been utilized for CG 5824-S* in order to better protect the identity of this source.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols and such have been used only in those instances where the source must be concealed.

10/12/57

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP USA - ORGANIZATION
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[redacted] reported on 10/11/57, that WIL (WEINSTONE) contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. relative to a document he had received at 4 PM that day. WEINSTONE complained that on the organization, this document does not reflect the discussion. He stated that the only requirements for registration shall be "agreement with the general strategic aims of the Party and the payment of dues. For those who meet these two requirements, although not organizationally connected (with the Party), attempts shall be made to convince them to join the local club. When there is reluctance to do so, such organizational connections at the present time shall not be a condition for registration - with some comrades, this will be a process. The County Committee will set small sub-committees to look into such problems and work out flexibly whatever forms are necessary to make it possible for such comrades to be organized provided the principle of one center of leadership, the majority, rules as incorporated in our constitution is not violated." WEINSTONE commented that now "he" has made them members-at-large.

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
- (1-100-3-68) (CP USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- (1-100-119163) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.)
- ① - NY 100-80633 (CP USA - MEMBERSHIP) 19-1
- 1 - NY 100-23025 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) 19-1
- 1 - NY 100-9595 (WIL WEINSTONE) 19-1
- 1 - NY 100-128014 (CP USA - DISTRICT #2 ORGANIZATION) 19-2
- 1 - NY 100-128017 (CP USA - DISTRICT #2 MEMBERSHIP) 19-2
- 1 - NY 65-5604 (BILL ALPERIN) 19-2
- 1 - NY 100-80641

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WINSTONE complained that members-at-large are no process for anything except dissolution. He said that they create two standards of membership and just make a burden on those that remain to look after the others. WINSTONE said that they were setting lower standards as if trying to buy them (members-at-large) on the basis of these lower standards.

WINSTONE then apparently continued reading this document to DAVIS. He stated "Then we work to influence and develop among our former members that type of educational activity which will re-establish confidence in the struggle for socialism and the indispensability of our Party in that struggle as well as the immediate needs of the working class." WINSTONE complained that there is not a word said about the necessity for a struggle against liquidatory ideas presented by [redacted] and (JOE) CLARK. WINSTONE said that he had talked to BILL (probably ALBERTSON) and had told him that he gave too much.

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WINSTONE then told DAVIS that later the Industrial Board explored both the possibility and advisability of working to establish some broader form of Socialist organization in addition to the Party's specific section of industry. WINSTONE asked what was meant by such a statement and then answered his own question stating "that the Party sections immediately undertake the organization of clubs and forums composed of Party members, former Party members and other Party people in those communities where such a base exists." WINSTONE continued "These organizations may take the form of social, cultural and or educational clubs, forum clubs, daily Worker supporter clubs, etc."

DAVIS stated that there has to be opposition to such a thing and that he would refuse to go along with any such proposition.

WINSTONE stated that he thought that that he (probably BILL ALBERTSON) thought was that he covers himself in that we work to consolidate the Party organization as the main base for our mass work and the base with which to maintain contact and relationship with our former members.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
Membership
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Information pertaining to captioned subject may be found in reports prepared by the following offices on CP activity, in the period 7/1/57 to 9/30/57, in the CP districts. The offices writing such reports, and the New York file in which the reports are located, are:

Albany	100-26603 Sub F	Miami	100-9763
Albuquerque	100-12524	Milwaukee	100-3916
Atlanta	100-85093	Minneapolis	100-21958
Baltimore (Dist. 3)	100-34927	Newark	100-7451
Baltimore (Dist. 4)	100-11832	New Haven	100-14532
Birmingham	100-9003	New Orleans	100-2687
Boston	100-32971	Norfolk	100-4792
Buffalo	100-26603 Sub F	Oklahoma City	100-9786
Butte	100-9254	Omaha	100-27485
Charlotte	100-13618	Philadelphia	100-34927
Chicago	65-2977	Phoenix	100-133641
Cincinnati	100-18481	Pittsburgh (Dist 5)	100-20136
Cleveland	100-18481	Pittsburgh (Dist 22)	100-34855
Dallas	100-12397	Portland	100-87658
Denver	100-12524	Richmond	100-4792
Detroit	100-26854	St. Louis	100-30114
El Paso	100-12397	Salt Lake City	100-61916
Honolulu	100-133639	San Antonio	100-12397
Houston	100-12397	San Diego	100-133638
Indianapolis (Dist. 10)	100-82987	San Francisco	100-133640
Indianapolis (Dist. 8)	65-2977	Seattle	100-10262
Kansas City	100-30114	Springfield	65-2977
Los Angeles	100-133638	Wash. F. O.	100-11832
Louisville	100-18481		
Memphis	100-9003		

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DAVIS said that such conditions are impossible and are a violation of our (CP) constitution. He said that if these conditions were brought up that evening (at meeting of the New York State CP Committee) they would have to be fought.

WEINSTEIN then continued reading the document. He stated "that we work to draw former members into united and joint CP wherever possible into parallel activities in the same issues of the day such as the fight for integration, the FEHM (ELIZABETH GUNBY FEHM) election campaign to fight for clean and democratic trade unions, etc." WEINSTEIN stated that the only way you can have parallel organizations is if they are already organized and you are going to work with them parallel.

DAVIS then stated that all of these meetings are no good as too many things happen behind your back. He stated that people have to learn how to go along secretly. DAVIS said that some of the things that WEINSTEIN read to him were completely unacceptable to him and do not reflect previous discussions and would have to be amended.

WEINSTEIN said that he felt that a committee should be elected that evening to bring in a report by the following day. DAVIS said that he would wait and see what happened and that all he wanted to do was to make sure that no propositions such as these are accepted. He stated that he is opposed to it (the document) and would not vote for it.

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Re Chicago letter dated 10/7/57, relating information received orally from CG 5824-S* that on 10/5/57, EUGENE DENNIS stated that the current membership of the CP in the entire Southern Region was 300.

NY 1989-S* has recently furnished information in the possession of [redacted] who is maintaining the SRC financial membership records in New York City, indicating that the 1956 registration of the CP in the South totalled 207 members, 50 of which were Negro. The same source has recently advised that the 1957-1958 registration was presently in progress and that the final figures would probably not be in until sometime in November or December of 1957. The above information regarding the CP membership figures furnished by NY 1989-S* has previously been furnished to the Bureau.

Chicago is requested to recontact CG 5824-S* to determine the background of DENNIS' statement and whether the information furnished by DENNIS was part of a large amount of statistics regarding CP membership throughout the United States.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-105) (CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE)
- 3 - Chicago (100-33740) (RM)
 - (1 - 134-46)
- ③ - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (#19)
 - (1 - 100-131666) (CP-SRC) (#19)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#19)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

11/6/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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Rebulet 10/1/57.

There is listed below the calculations submitted in previous progress reports:

PERIOD 9/1/57 - 11/1/57

<u>Geographical Section</u>	<u># on SI 9/1/57</u>	<u>New SI'S Since 9/1/57</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Can-celled</u>	<u>Intra-Office Adjustment</u>	<u># on SI 11/1/57</u>
Bronx	457	37	6	-3	-4	-9	484
Brooklyn	575	39	0	-4	-9	-1	600
Queens	481	19	0	-4	-13	-3	480
Low. Manh.	261	12	5	-6	-2	-2	268
Mid-Manh.	243	15	3	-1	-4	-1	255
Up. Manh.	441	7	1	-6	-6	6	443
Westchester	78	1	0	-1	0	9	87
Nassau	80	1	0	-2	-4	3	78
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan	4	0	0	0	0	1	5
Richmond	6	0	0	0	0	1	7
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dutchess	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Greene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Orange	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Rockland	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Suffolk	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
Ulster	18	0	2	0	-1	0	19
Verif. Pending	46	0	0	0	0	-10	36
Spec. Section	19	0	0	0	0	2	21
Unavail. Section	56	0	0	-1	-1	4	58
	2789	1131	18	-28	-44		2866

2 - BUREAU (100-3-68) RM
1 - NEW YORK (100-80638)

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-80638

Rebulet also requested the New York Office furnish:

1. The number of suspected Communists uncovered during the period of the progress report.

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2. The total number of suspected Communists who have not yet been identified as members.

280 as of 11/1/57.

3. The number of members identified during the period of progress report.

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Since this is the first itemization under this category, there is no deduction appropriate from Item #2.

The preparation of the calculations heretofore listed is most easily accomplished by the New York Office at the conclusion of any month. It is suggested that the Bureau permit the New York Office to submit these progress reports at sixty-day intervals. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, the next progress report will be submitted on or before 1/10/58.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

DATE: October 1, 1957

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Urlets 9-10-57 and 9-19-57 captioned as above have been reviewed and the following observations are made.

Most recent estimates of Communist Party (CP) membership in your territory indicate there are approximately 3770. Your letter of 9-10 reflects 2789 are listed on the Security Index as of 9-1-57. This would leave a minimum of 981 yet to be identified. While you do show the additional number of cases yet to be processed for inclusion on the Security Index, you do not reflect the number of individuals that your investigations indicate are suspected or tentatively identified communists. There does not seem to be much doubt that many individuals will have to be placed in this category until further information is developed substantiating their membership.

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Your office made noticeable progress in identifying CP members. However, it is believed that its progress would be further benefited by reflecting the total number of tentatively identified communists in each progress report submitted hereafter. Accordingly, in addition to submitting the information contained in your present progress reports, you should reflect the following:

- (1) The number of suspected communists uncovered during the period of the progress report.
- (2) Total number of suspected communists who have not yet been identified as members.
- (3) Number of members identified during the period of progress report. If the members identified were previously included in category number 2, then category number 2 total should be appropriately reduced.

cc in 100-128817 (CPulla - Dist 2 - membership)

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Letter to New York
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
100-3-68

The noticeable headway and benefits gained through the membership intensification program must not be allowed to dissipate. Your future efforts in this regard will be closely followed at the Bureau until such time as your office has identified all communists in your territory. Submit your next progress report on 11-1-57 and every 45 days thereafter.

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Date: 11/13/57

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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C I N A L

On 11/12/57, [redacted] made available copy of a memorandum prepared by CPUSA, the text of which is set out as follows. It is to be noted that the figure in parentheses following the district designation represents the district membership computed on the basis of the dues figure and percentage. For example, it is assumed that New York has received 10,519 payments of monthly dues, a figure representing a 30% accomplishment. A possible membership of 3,506 for New York is thus indicated. It is also noted

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- 6 - BUREAU (100-3-69)(RM)
 - (1 - CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)
 - (1 - 100-3-63 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
 - (1 - 100-3-86 (CPUSA-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 4 - ALL OFFICES (100-) (RM)
 - (1 - 100- (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)
 - (1 - 100- (CPUSA-FUNDS)
 - (1 - 100- (CPUSA-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- ① - NY 100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)(19-1)
- 1 - NY 100-128817 (CPUSA, DIST. 2-MEMBERSHIP)(19-2)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS)(19-1)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CPUSA, DIST. 2-FUNDS)(19-2)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CPUSA-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)(19-1)
- 1 - NY 100-128813 (CPUSA DIST. 2-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)(19-2)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (19-1)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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that no dues data is recorded for Connecticut, and 35 payments of monthly dues is recorded for the Southern Regional Committee, but without a percentage being shown. These two areas being excepted, a total CP membership of 9,726 is indicated.

Districts:	D U E S N.C. (1957-10 mos.) MEETING				PARTY AFFAIRS		GOALS FOR \$25,000. XMAS DRIVE
	No.	%	Del.	Owe	No.	Owe	
New York (3506)	10519	30	11	\$825.00	3000	\$360.00	\$7500.00
New Jersey (603)	1206	20	2	150.00	750	90.00	2000.00
E. Penn. (355)	1241	35	2	150.00	750	90.00	2500.00
W. Penn. (49)	147	30	1	75.00	100	12.00	500.00
Maryland (99)	385	39	1	75.00	150	18.00	200.00
Conn.	--	--	1	75.00	100	12.00	500.00
New England (150)	748	50	1	75.00	450	54.00	500.00
Ohio (501)	1403	28	2	150.00	400	48.00	750.00
Michigan (360)	973	27	2	150.00	75	9.00	500.00
Illinois (607)	2608	43	4	300.00	1000	120.00	1000.00
Indiana (78)	101	13	1	75.00	300	36.00	250.00
Wisconsin (126)	303	24	1	75.00	200	24.00	750.00
Minnesota (203)	1420	70	1	75.00	100	12.00	500.00
Oregon (313)	313	50	1	75.00	100	6.00	500.00
Montana (35)	198	57	1	75.00	25	3.00	200.00
Washington (323)	1164	36	1	75.00	400	41.85	750.00
So. Calif. (1531)	4594	30	2	150.00	1500	180.00	5000.00
No. Calif. (721)	3030	42	3	225.00	700	84.00	1500.00
St. Louis (80)	104	13			75	9.00	100.00
So. R.C.	35		2		100	12.00	200.00
Rocky Mtn. (86)	86	10	1	75.00	50	6.00	250.00

Under the heading "N.C. MEETING", are set out columns designated delegates and "owe". Information received prior to the meeting of the National Committee on 11/9&10/57 reflected that each district was to pay \$75.00 to the national office for each district Committee member to defray the expense of the meeting. The total of district designated Committee members is given as 41, which is believed to be erroneous, as the Montana delegate, JOHN HELLMAN, was elected at the 16th National Convention as a

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member at large. The \$75.00 was not to be exacted for such members. As to the remaining number of 40, New York is known to have elected 8, and no delegate is known to have been elected from the Rocky Mountain District, [redacted] of Colorado having been elected a member at large.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 11/13/57, [redacted] made available to SA CHARLES D. SHORES a copy of the new registration form currently being used by the CPUSA in its registration drive. A Photostat of this form is attached for the Bureau's information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68)(Enc.-1)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-128817 (CPUSA, DIST. #2-MEMBERSHIP)(19-2)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (19-1)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 11/14/57

FROM : [Redacted], SUPERVISOR, #12-0

SUBJECT: CP USA - MEMBERSHIP
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Bulet 10/1/57 in captioned case stated that in addition to regularly reporting the newly-identified CP members, they also wanted the number of suspected Communists uncovered during the period of progress reports, together with the total number of suspected Communists who have not yet been identified as members.

In the letter going to the Bureau on 11/6/57, covering the period 9/1/57 to 11/1/57, the number of suspected Communists, etc., was set out.

The following is a breakdown of total number of suspected Communists, plus the number of that total who were identified during the period 9/1/57 through 11/1/57:

Squad	# Identified 9/1/57 - 11/1/57	Total
#12-10	5	55
#12-11	8	56
#12-12	4	22
#12-13	4	28
#12-14	8	29
#12-15	0	32
#12-16	12	58
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS

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On 11/12/57, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a registration blank being used by the Communist Party of Missouri to register its members at the present time.

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It is noted that this blank is identical to the registration blank referred to in New York letter to the Bureau dated 10/9/57 captioned CP - USA, MEMBERSHIP.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enclosures 2; 2 Copies CP registration form) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (Enclosure 1; 1 Copy CP registration form) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - St. Louis (1 - 100-7448; 1 - 100-15872)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-60)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18952)

SUBJECT: DOMINICK BARRY, USA
 DISTRICT #8
 WINDSOR
 IS - C

CITIAL

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On 11/13/57, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a regular meeting of informant's CP Club in the South Side Division, Ill. CP, held on 11/8/57, [redacted] South Side Division and member of Ill. State Committee, conducted registration of members of this Club, using a mimeographed form calling for the following information:

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- CP Division (or Section)
- Name of Club
- Name of Member
- Age
- Sex
- Employment
- How Long in Party
- Extra-curricular (mass organizations)
- Amount of dues

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - Membership) (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Chicago
 - 1 - [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-13763 (HIGH JURISDICTION)
 - 1 - 100-32207 (CITIAL)
- JCP: [redacted]
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Informant pointed out that no code at all was employed in filling out these forms.

For members who had left and re-entered the Party, two figures were used on the line, "How long in Party", one to indicate the period of first membership and the other to show the period of current CP membership.

Informant unable to advise whether these micrographed forms would be in general use during III. CP registration or were being used by South Side Division only.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-69)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
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- 3 - Chicago (1 - MANNY BLUM) (RM)
 - (1 - CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - (1 - CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - Cincinnati (CP ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 29 - Cleveland (1 - ANTHONY KRCHMAREK) (RM)
 - (1 - CP ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - (1 - CP MEMBERSHIP)
 - (1 - [redacted] (ph.))
 - (1 - CP NEGRO QUESTION)
 - (1 - CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
 - (1 - UNSUB., Male, Member of National Committee and Educational Director)
 - (1 - UNSUB., Female, Discharged from Law Firm)
 - (1 - UNSUB., Head of LYL, Ohio)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - COMINFIL, UAW)
 - (1 - CP PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
 - (1 - COMINFIL, STEEL WORKERS)
 - (1 - CP SECURITY MEASURES)
 - (1 - FRED FINE)
 - (1 - CP FACTIONALISM)
 - (1 - AFSE)
 - (1 - SWP)
 - (1 - UNSUB., CP Member Discharged from Republic Steel)
 - (1 - UNSUB., SWP Member from Minnesota)
 - (1 - (FNU) [redacted] (ph.))
 - (1 - UNSUB., [redacted])
 - (1 - UNSUB., Org. Sec., Ohio CP)
 - (1 - UNSUB., Org. Sec., West Side CP Section)
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(1 - 100-11963, [REDACTED])
(1 - 62-1241, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIV.)
(1 - 100-4052, COMINFIL, STEEL WORKERS)
(1 - 100-11441, ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
(1 - 100-12311, HARRIET ROSEN)
(1 - 100-4379-68, MEMBERSHIP)
(1 - 100-11427, [REDACTED])
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(1 - 100-12062, [REDACTED])
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(1 - 100-4379-69, ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-12317, [REDACTED])
(1 - 100-6516, SWP)
(1 - 100-1377, JOHN NOTO)
(1 - 100-8952, [REDACTED])
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(1 - 100-11903, [REDACTED])
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Re Buffalo letter to Cleveland, 9/24/57, captioned
"ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, was., IS-C."

On July 16, 1957, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] that on the previous day [redacted] known to the informant to be the Erie County CP Organizer, mentioned that on July 13, 1957, he had gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to confer with CP leaders there. [redacted] told the informant that when he arrived in Cleveland, he could not locate a meeting and finally called the residence of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK. [redacted] said that KRCHMAREK was not at home so he visited and talked to [redacted] at her residence. [redacted] said that he made arrangements with [redacted] to have ANTHONY KRCHMAREK come to Buffalo in September 1957, for a meeting with [redacted]

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On September 14, 1957, [redacted] reported that on that date a person who identified himself as [redacted] (ph.) arrived at the home of [redacted] known to the informant to be a member of the New York State CP Committee from Erie County, and inquired about how to reach a certain address. This person told [redacted] that he had been on the road six hours that day in traveling by car to Buffalo.

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Shortly thereafter BU 206-S* reported that [redacted] (ph.) arrived at the [redacted] residence and had a discussion with [redacted] which is set forth below.

At one point in the discussion the guest at the [redacted] residence pointed out that his name is pronounced [redacted] (ph.), but that he is called [redacted]. (ph.)

General

Those present at the discussion were [redacted] (ph.), [redacted] said that he proposed that they discuss matters in steel and the organization of the Party. [redacted] was of the understanding that [redacted] (ph.) was the National Steel Commission Chairman, and [redacted] (ph.) replied that he and MANNY BLUM were co-chairmen. At one point in the discussion [redacted] referred to his guest as [redacted] (ph.).

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CP Colonizers, Cleveland

During a discussion concerning colonizers, [redacted] (ph.) mentioned that in Cleveland they did not have as many as there were in the Buffalo area. [redacted] in talking about colonizers, made reference to a concentration of about one hundred. [redacted] (ph.) remarked that the colonizers in the Cleveland area were considerably influenced by the factional developments in the Party in New York City, and they concluded that their efforts for the Party as colonizers in Cleveland were a waste of time.

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[redacted] (ph.) pointed out that the CP did a good job in several areas in Ohio. He said, "We haven't had very many losses, but our losses were precisely colonizers. Those were our main losses." [redacted] (ph.) told how in a number of smaller "towns" there exist people who consider themselves as Party members and "we're pulling them together now, we're rebuilding the organization in all these places and with very good results." He told how "terrific pressures" were put upon CP members, especially by the "Un-American Committees coming in one town after another." He referred not only to the HCUA but also to a State Un-American Committee. He said they went into almost all of the main cities such as Cincinnati, Columbus, Youngstown, Akron, and Cleveland. As a result, the organization in those cities disintegrated. The Party people there remained on but in an inactive status.

Party Program

[redacted] (ph.) referred to a CP program for "the towns," and also mentioned that the Party just had an excellent conference. He talked about the great influx of Negroes (apparently into Cleveland) where the Negro population rose from eighty thousand to about a quarter of a million in the last ten years. He claimed that the Party has a "corps of Negroes" to meet the situation. He claimed to have a "very good relationship with the Negro community, even the most conservative leadership of the Negro people, I mean the Republican conservative leaders." He said that with regard to the CP's program on housing, the leadership of the Negro community has been greatly impressed. He admitted that "organizationally, we have not yet reaped the

benefits of that. In fact, one of the most conservative leaders (ph.) _____, he ran for Congress as a Republican in the last election _____ we gave him all-out support." _____ (ph.) claimed that the aforementioned Negro candidate for Congress regarded it as unfortunate that not more of his people were members of "your organization." _____ (ph.) mentioned, with regard to the Negroes, "The one area we have kept in touch with was the Mission Street (ph.)."

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_____ (ph.) later stated, "Now we have got a number of people _____ in political affairs." He mentioned, "A professor going to college, a professor of biology and _____ and in that sense _____ is now a member in the National Committee and he is Educational Director. Well, he was indicted under the TAFT-HARTLEY, you know." _____ (ph.) mentioned that seven people were so indicted. He told a long story about how the wife of this college professor, who worked as a stenographer, after holding positions for a time, would be discharged. He told how even after working for about one year for a large legal firm, she was let go. _____ (ph.) claimed that she learned from a member of the law firm that great pressure had been exerted on the law firm to discharge this woman.

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In referring to the same aforementioned male individual, _____ (ph.) said, "Yes, he's now the National Education Director, he's formerly a professor of biology in a college in Cleveland . . . and then he came into the trade union movement (ph.) so he's been indicted under the TAFT-HARTLEY." _____ (ph.) elaborated on the story of how this person's wife, the stenographer, was persecuted. _____ stated that he found the story too fantastic to believe. _____ (ph.) said that she had to leave town and was gone for several months. He said that she has returned to Cleveland, secured another job only two days previously, but "already there are indications that trouble is brewing again."

_____ (ph.) described this as a "persistent type of thing." He told how a young man, who was the head of the LYL in Ohio, was bothered. He said "they" kept after him daily, and because he didn't acquiesce, "they" had him fired from one shop after another.

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_____ (ph.) said that the Party was considering attempting to secure a court injunction to protect the CP members

who were being hounded. He claimed that "they" do not like publicity. [redacted] pointed out the value of getting "some of these remarks that they make to these people down on a recording machine." [redacted] (ph.) said that this was done on the West Coast and in Hawaii, and told of how "they" were present about three hours and "they sat on the sofa, they had microphones on the sofa _____ machine to record it downstairs."

They discussed a Party couple who were transferred from Buffalo to Cleveland, and [redacted] (ph.) apparently was not familiar with them. [redacted] said that [redacted] was a social worker and his wife was [redacted] (undoubtedly a reference to [redacted])

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[redacted] (ph.) mentioned that in auto "we have a regularly functioning club, put out a shop paper, I have one copy here _____ . . . Before, we put out the two, one for Fisher Body and one for Chevy, but now we've finally agreed that it's one industry paper, an auto paper _____ Spark Plug (ph.) We put out a steel paper mainly by mail _____ were times when we distributed them in the shop." [redacted] (ph.) said that the number of copies varies from five hundred to several thousand, and "it depends upon how we're going to use it." He pointed out that "during this period we have not been able to _____ function in shop distributions because the people who have been in hiding _____ cover, got jobs, and so on. Working under those circumstances, you couldn't expect them to go out and distribute stuff in shops."

[redacted] (ph.) then talked about the status of the Party. He mentioned, "We decided against opening the Party up at . . . in Detroit they decided in favor of opening the Party up . . . we've got a post office box. We've got contributions _____ but then we have a defense (ph.) office, four rooms, _____ civil rights. Now we've got our _____ store in there . . . it's not a store front . . . it's on the second floor. Then we have other books, not just Party stuff but it's mostly our stuff."

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[redacted] (ph.) remarked, "We're having a discussion in the Board . . . we now have an industrial _____. We have these four industrial divisions. Then we have an Auto Section, Steel Section, now _____, Division Organizer, and a _____"

section . . . One Industrial Organizer also acted as the Auto Organizer, and we felt there has been a mistake, for example, there was a tendency for the Industrial _____ in the auto separate from the rest of the Party." _____ (ph.) talked about members (apparently in the industrial concentration) _____ "quite a number of them, about half left, and some of them have left the city. They went to California. Some went to New York . . . some stayed and are not going to leave the city. See, they said they _____ roots and they didn't have any real leadership, so they would meet with anybody . . . And now they want to live normal lives."

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_____ (ph.) said that such people made a mistake because even though they were in (apparently the industrial concentration) they did not attend union meetings and did not get close to the workers. As a result, they were influenced by the New York factional dispute. Because of this, _____ (ph.) said, "We're now considering a consolidation of work . . . we're going to handle the industrial setup."

Steel Industry

According to _____ (ph.) stated, "We have some interesting experiences recently, first of all, in one area of the Ohio River not too far from Pittsburg, not Pittsburg but our Pittsburg in Ohio, we broke through and we've come _____ with _____ good people. Steel workers that have been in steel _____, some of them who were officers in the local, some of whom were the most active in the rank and file, natives of the area. One of them, for example, his brother is a city councilman, and the city councilman is a steel worker too but he is not the _____ and this group _____ developing over the past year. I've been working with them directly, meeting with them regularly and _____ Party people although they're not."

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_____ said, "But they know that you are?" _____ (ph.) replied, "Yes, we discussed Party questions and Party problems and all the different questions that come up, but mainly with just steel. They're extremely active, as a matter of fact, in the next election we can take over the local, lock, stock, and barrel. The guy we're running for _____ should be elected hands down for president. He doesn't want to run but the others are going to run for various offices, and the local

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has got a thousand workers (ph.)" [redacted] (ph.) indicated that the reason for his success was that "we're able to discuss programs with them" and the Party program is just what they need. "Second, because they'll be most competent. They have begun to build up a library . . . the last time I was down there I brought them \$20 worth of books. They bought \$50 worth of classics, Marxist classics. At one time I brought \$50 worth of [redacted] and they're reading like mad. . . . I mean, they're not Party people, but it was our Party that was responsible for everything that [redacted]."

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[redacted] (ph.) explained that the people he contacts are powerful in their steel workers union, not by reason of their official position in the local but "from the floor." He described the local as being only 39 miles away. He mentioned, "We meet for seven and eight hours at a time." He pointed out that this group is strongly against the company's position on automation, because they see it as "displacement," which drives men from their jobs.

[redacted] (ph.) then talked at length about the campaign for President of the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, in which McDONALD was victorious and in which RARICK was defeated. [redacted] (ph.) mentioned, "A national conference was called at Pittsburgh this weekend. The RARICK forces are out to consolidate this movement to keep it going under an anti-leadership basis, anti-McDONALD basis." He described the RARICK program as consisting of arousing dissatisfaction in the union because of dues and grievances, but mainly on corruption. [redacted]

[redacted] (ph.) said that some of the people from the group he was meeting in did not care about going to Pittsburgh for this conference. He stressed that their position should consist of less of an anti-McDONALD feeling and more of a positive stand on the needs of the men, such as the 30-hour week. [redacted] (ph.) discussed the capacity at which steel plants in the Buffalo, N.Y., Youngstown, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, areas have been working.

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After a lengthy discussion on union and steel industry matters, [redacted] asked if the National Steel Commission met, and [redacted] (ph.) replied that it does. He pointed out that there were problems involved in holding several of the meetings due to a number of reasons, for example, people from Cleveland who

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were supposed to attend were working on the specified day and could not take time off. [] stressed the importance of security in connection with these meetings. He said that people should "dry-clean" themselves. [] (ph.) admitted that "it's not a fully secure arrangement for this meeting." [] told him that people from the Buffalo area who would attend all work in shops and would have to be protected, but he thought that perhaps "a couple of people" could be sent to the meeting.

[] inquired why they didn't organize a meeting in Cleveland (most likely reference to the National Steel Commission) or perhaps one in Buffalo. [] then referred to the fact that nobody from Ohio attended a certain meeting of the National Auto Commission. [] (ph.) replied that actually two people were supposed to be there from Ohio.

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[] asked, "Did you ever find out this Sparrows Point (ph.) business?" and [] (ph.) replied, "Everything was wiped out." [] wondered whether the same situation might develop in the Buffalo area because the HCUA was coming here and he had no idea how the Party people in steel would be affected.

In referring to a steel meeting (most likely meeting of National Steel Commission of CP, USA), [] (ph.) mentioned that a number of the people in the various districts responsible for steel "are not completely secure." [] (ph.) indicated that those who have attained good positions in their shops desire the greatest amount of security. In this connection, he mentioned, "Now some of them are in a fairly good position, they're, in fact, in Gary (ph.) have a good setup, _____ Chicago." [] thought that a proper amount of security was essential because "you can overdo this business, you know, about being in the open."

[] felt that the National Steel Commission should meet with security and should be composed in the majority of steel workers.

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[] complained that the National CP, USA suffered because it did not place sufficient emphasis on having as members of its various commissions, such as trade union, industrial, etc., persons who were actually engaged in this type of work, that is to say, actually employed in shops and working

for trade unions. He maintained that a man like FRED FINE, "a National Trade Union Director," does not have the proper experience to hold that position.

Criticism of CP Leaders

[redacted] stated that the Party is dwindling each year. He maintained that one point that bothers the membership is that the leadership of the Party has not begun to come to grips with problems which concern the American working class. He said that this is exemplified by the fact that the writers for "Political Affairs" such as "HY LUMER" (ph.) show little knowledge of such problems. [redacted] talked about an article which FRED FINE had published in "Political Affairs" concerning trade union work. [redacted] said it was "terrible because while FRED FINE mentioned there were different trends developing," he never specifically identified one of them. [redacted] bemoaned the fact that this was the only article in six months on the trade union movement. [redacted] criticized other National CP leaders for failing to lay open logical paths for the Party to follow in its desire to solve its problems. [redacted] (ph.) that because he was one of the chairmen of the Steel Commission, he is in a position to propose that the Party have published a series of articles about the three or four basic industries starting with steel. In such articles a discussion should be held on the composition of the industry, its features, the relation of the industry to other segments in the country, trends, leadership, etc. Based on such information, [redacted] thought that the Party might be able to come to some conclusions about the steel industry and the other basic industries. As an example of the dissatisfaction of certain CP members with the Party, [redacted] commented, "Our best guy, our Steel Organizer, quit too, [redacted] that guy, you know, (was) one of our best guys and he's got no political quarrel with what they're doing. He's just sort of helpless, he says." [redacted] maintained that [redacted], when he quit the Party, did not plan to leave Buffalo nor the steel plant, but wished to be disassociated from the Party.

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[redacted] (ph.) inquired if [redacted] was putting his thoughts into articles for publication. [redacted] replied that during the past year and a half he wrote about eight articles, none of which was ever published. [redacted] spoke of an instance where he talked for forty minutes at a New York State CP Board

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meeting and after he was finished, he was asked to put his remarks in an article. [redacted] replied that he had already sent this article to GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and GEORGE WATT, "the two Organizational Directors." [redacted] interjected she thought that actually the article had been sent to WILLIAM WEINSTONE. [redacted] asked if anyone had read the article, and no one was able to say that he had.

[redacted] (ph.) pointed out that he had had a similar experience. He stated, "When FRED FINE came through, it was about two months ago, he came through on a tour in order to get acquainted with situations, so he came to Cleveland. He met with us, we told him in so many words, as you did here, our opinion about that article because we had it in mimeographed form before it was printed to have him deliver it in the April meeting of the National. He wouldn't deliver it, so then it was mimeographed and was sent out so to the members of the National Committee to discuss it and a chance to see it. We were very much disturbed about that report because it was [redacted]. It was an article on the corruption investigation." [redacted] (ph.) mentioned that his action surprised FRED FINE. [redacted] (ph.) said that his district has become critical of the way matters have been shaping up in the National Office. His district felt that there would not be a change in the improper attitude of the National Office until it leaves New York and moves into closer contact with the working class in the main industrial areas.

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[redacted] (ph.) said that as State Chairman, he has not paid enough attention to the clamor of Party members for contact with other Socialist groups such as the "Socialist Forum . . . in our city. Every place else they're doing something about it. Well, what have we got here, we have a few, we have one guy who's a Socialist, they have altogether ninety. They claim they got ninety members in the whole State of Ohio. The Trotskyites haven't called for a meeting in Cleveland."

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[redacted] (ph.) stated that he agrees with [redacted] on basic points concerning the CP and the trade union movement, with the differences between their ideas being minor in nature. He admitted that the CP in Ohio has not the proper relationship with the trade union movement, for example, the problems of the Party in trade union work have not been made the problems of the Ohio State Board nor of the Ohio State Committee, whereas they

should have been. He said the CP in Ohio has had to concern itself with the problems of steel, auto, coal, and the other basic industries, and "we're beginning to make some headway on it but we are not making the headway in Cleveland where this situation developed. Now actually it's in the areas outside of Cleveland which have been considered impossible to work with, you know, where we were not supposed to have anything. Here we have made great progress."

Next [redacted] (ph.) talked in detail about a steel worker (apparently a CP member) who was employed by Republic Steel in Cleveland, who was a Grievance Committeeman, a Department Steward, who was subpoenaed by the "committee," who pled the 5th Amendment, and who was discharged from his job. He filed a grievance, and because of the work he had done for the men, the local supported him, the district (headquarters) of the union supported him, and he won the arbitration.

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Problem in Youngstown

Next [redacted] (ph.), in speaking of problems, referred to the Trotskyites in Youngstown, Ohio. He said Trotskyites from Buffalo attend conferences in Youngstown and Pittsburgh. He stated that the Trotskyites in Youngstown have two people on the "staff" and they have three people in the leadership of three locals." The number of Trotskyites is limited, but they occupy certain positions and they have a number of people whom they have colonized in Youngstown. He was of the opinion that Buffalo and Youngstown were their national concentration points. [redacted] (ph.) remarked that the Trotskyites have some capable people in Youngstown, one of whom has been in the movement seventeen years. This person came from Minnesota. [redacted] (ph.) mentioned that in places like Warren and Youngstown, which comprise the most important section of the industry, "our people had been cooperating with them." [redacted] (ph.) admitted that the CP had not been giving the proper leadership in this area, and the problem of providing such leadership had to be faced, and they did the best they could with the people that they knew to be Party people in working out certain policies, and by and large, they did very well. You have now in that area a caucus of eleven locals, which is a

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tremendous force which works together on the burning issues there . . . the Trotskyites have approached them . . . our position there is not the position in Cleveland, because in Cleveland they don't have anything in the industry. We think when you begin developing a force of power which becomes so important, well, we'd work with right-wingers if they were to go along on a thing of that kind." He admitted that on ideological questions, the CP and the SWP are far apart but "on fighting and working together in the industry" the Party and the Trotskyites are cooperating.

[redacted] asked if Party people were meeting with the Trotskyites, and [redacted] (ph.) replied, "One of the members of the Board is meeting with them. Now, of course, what they want is a delicate question because, of course, what they want is to break through to us, to our people and to all." He also mentioned, "Our people in Youngstown will not meet with them under any circumstances, _____ security." [redacted] (ph.) also remarked that they meet in Cleveland. He then commented, "You see, you have this other peculiarity there, the Trotskyites are able to operate almost completely in the open." [redacted] mentioned that the Trotskyites have an open office in Buffalo.

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[redacted] asked, "Do you want me to arrange a meeting? They claim they have two National Steel Directors. If I could arrange it, do you want to meet with them?" [redacted] (ph.) said that he would have to take it up with someone because he does not act on his own in such matters. He pointed out that there is a "four-State local arrangement that we have, and we don't wait for the National to make up their minds, we have to meet situations concretely."

[redacted] said that in the meantime the Party in Buffalo could ascertain from the Trotskyites whether they would be interested. [redacted] pointed out that they approached [redacted] (Buffalo convicted Smith Act subject) to arrange for a steel meeting. He said that the local SWP feels the Party is far behind the Trotskyites with regard to steel.

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According to [redacted] (ph.), there were some strong discussions about maintaining contact with the Trotskyites among the "Board" members, so it was finally resolved that "our people in the steel areas are unable to meet with them" but one of the members of the "Board" can make the contact.

[redacted] (ph.) said that a forum, an organized meeting, was set up and was to be held in a hotel in Youngstown, but no one appeared for it except "some people from Cleveland" and a National SWP leader named [redacted] (ph.), but no one from Youngstown was there. With regard to the question of a trade union policy, [redacted] (ph.) stated, "We had [redacted] (ph.), who was head of the Trotskyites in Youngstown, and not a bad guy. The fact that he worked seventeen years in Republic and he was a committeeman and a lot of experience. Now he's just in basic steel and he is their main guy there. So he asked me what is your trade union policy . . . he said we have a trade union (policy)" and he proved it by quoting specific principles of the policy.

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[redacted] in talking about the Trotskyites, stated, "They've got advantages, they don't bother them." [redacted] referred to the case of [redacted] who was subpoenaed to appear before the "McCARTHY Committee." [redacted] said, "The Trotskyites defended her in the union. They spoke up openly against McCARTHY and so on." [redacted] remarked that the Trotskyites in the Buffalo area have influence in auto, in steel, and in electric. [redacted] talked about an active SWP leader in Buffalo named [redacted], who worked in steel and who is now in New York in a SWP leadership capacity. [redacted] talked about the great leadership this Trotskyite gave the steel workers in Local 2601 at the large Bethlehem Steel Company Plant in Lackawanna, N.Y. [redacted] said that after [redacted] was fired, a CP member [redacted] stepped in to fill the breach and become a leader for the workers of the local, but because he was there under an assumed name and with a fictitious background, he was eventually exposed and likewise dismissed by the company.

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[redacted] (ph.) stated that the Trotskyites "moved in." He said he has a meeting set up with "this guy, [redacted] (ph.) They want to set up some kind of a national left caucus which would gear (ph.) these movements, that this left caucus should be composed of them and us, and they recognize that in some areas they had _____ strength; _____ from the areas where our strength is not effective, not displayed, where the people are known, they are so intimidated they don't dare open their mouth even at trade union meetings. But what they're aiming for is a left caucus, national caucus . . . I think we should work up

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some of these caucuses on big issues . . . union democracy or 30-hour week or the layoffs, or whatever it happens to be, we work together on these issues." He further stated that this left caucus should not attack union leadership as such, but should develop action on issues which will force the leadership to move out on certain points.

Steel Workers Local,
Bethlehem Steel Company,
Lackawanna, New York

After a lengthy discussion, [redacted] went on to describe certain aspects of Local 2601 of the United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO, located at the Bethlehem Steel Company Plant, Lackawanna, N.Y. [redacted] stated, "The leadership of this local is predominantly white. There's one Negro officer, the treasurer, and one Spanish guy who's on the committee. The local has 3300 members. It's the basic section of steel. It's that section of the Open Hearth, coke oven workers." [redacted] went on to say that the CP learned that there was an organized Negro caucus in the local consisting of a number of Negro stewards. [redacted] pointed out that the person previously referred to, who went into this local under an assumed name and who was eventually discharged [redacted] made a mistake by building his base only around Negroes. [redacted] mentioned that Negro newspapers in the Buffalo area were pointing out that the Negro workers at Bethlehem Steel have only the dirtiest jobs in the plant.

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CP Status in Midwest

After a lengthy discussion, [redacted] (ph.) described the status of the Party in various parts of the country. He said, "I understand that there isn't much of anything left in Connecticut. In the Midwest district, the situation seems to be the best, that's Chicago, Detroit, Ohio, the best _____ as far as the district situation is concerned . . . that's not my opinion, I mean, the general opinion is that Ohio . . . our losses were very small, our losses were not of this period . . . we've been consolidating for a considerable length of time already, for three years actually." He went on to explain that their greatest losses took place in 1954, after which the Party in Ohio slowly began to recoup.

[redacted] (ph.) his opinion about the National CP, whether it would be able to overcome its problems and make a comeback. [redacted] (ph.) said he felt that the Party could come back because he couldn't see anything that could take the place of the Party. [redacted] (ph.) emphasized that the CP must move in the direction of the working class and meet the problems of the working classes.

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Industrial Picture, National Committee

[redacted] mentioned how the local CP keeps numerous statistics on wages, working conditions, industrial output, etc., and the basic industries in the Buffalo area.

[redacted] (ph.) discussed at length aspects of automation, which is revolutionizing the American industrial plant.

[redacted] (ph.) to spur on the National Committee. [redacted] (ph.) told him that he disliked attending meetings of the National Committee. [redacted] remarked, "I'm telling you, in another six months you're not going to have nothing left here, and we started off very good here. We maintained almost one hundred dues-paying members and (there were) forty or fifty people on the side. We ain't growing, you know. In the past six or eight months we went down, we lost about ten people here . . . there's got to be some motion by the National Committee, otherwise . . . there'll be a dissolution of the Party." [redacted] (ph.) took this position, "I'll tell you, the motion in the National Committee will not develop. It will develop to the degree that the membership from the bottom, that we in the districts develop and begin developing some work." [redacted] (ph.) feared that the resignation of JOSEPH CLARK (Foreign News Editor of the "Daily Worker") from the Party and other similar incidents may have been designed "to prevent the Party from getting down to business. I expect that maybe JOHNNY GATES may be in on it."

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[redacted] (ph.) recalled, "When we gave one of the reports to the National Committee about a year ago about the status of our Party in Ohio and that we were not disintegrating, we were called liars. JOHNNY GATES said that the comrades from Ohio are not telling the truth." [redacted] pointed out that "we had the same experience here."

Then [redacted] (ph.) told about "in that one mill we had a rather peculiar situation. You know, we had quite a crew there at one time. I used to be the Section Organizer in that part of the country for about four years." [redacted] (ph.) told about the appearance of the "State Un-American Committee" and how the Section Organizer who replaced [redacted] (ph.) testified in full before the committee. [redacted] (ph.) said that many people were discharged from their jobs. Their names were published in the papers. There was at this mill an "old time guy" in the Party who was in a supervisory category. His name appeared in the newspapers as a CP member, and he asked the general manager of the mill what was going to happen to him. The general manager told this person that he was entitled to his own ideas and he didn't plan to take them away from him. [redacted] (ph.) said that this individual, whom he referred to as [redacted] (ph.), received the support of the general manager "not only that, but we didn't lose a single guy by firing in that plant, and the guy that was the general manager is today the vice president of the corporation."

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Current Picture of CP, Ohio

[redacted] (ph.) said that he was encouraged by the manner in which the Party leadership is involved in the essential problems and, secondly, by the fact that "people are beginning to come back to our Party." He said that since the convention (most likely the 16th National Convention, CP, USA) "we lost eighteen people." He went on to say that in recent months the Party in his area has suffered no losses and they have a number of people who returned to the organization. He gave the Party membership in his area as three hundred fifty. When [redacted] remarked that that was a sizable group, [redacted] (ph.) stated, "That's only the Cleveland, we have, ah." [redacted] here was interrupted by a brief comment of [redacted] and he did not finish the sentence.)

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Then [redacted] (ph.) said that the Party was functioning properly in other places besides Cleveland, such as in Youngstown and in Akron. He said, "In Akron, for example, we have to make two or three trips each month from Cleveland in order to meet with the different groups that are. I'm supposed to have a meeting there very shortly where they expect they will have between fifteen and twenty people, just one group. We have reconstituted, you know, where we have _____ people, that used to be the County Board."

[redacted] inquired, "How many full-timers do you have?" and [redacted] (ph.) replied, "I'm the only full-timer. Then we have the Org. Sec. who is part-time. In other words, he is a printer and he works a little bit at it. He also does some translation so that we pay him accordingly." [redacted] (ph.) repeated that he was the only "full-timer" but there are these "part-times." [redacted] (ph.) pointed out that with only a few people who are able to devote a great number of their waking hours to Party business, "this places a considerable burden on us, because when you're beginning to do things in a situation like now, we can't operate as we did before. You can't issue out the instructions and directives and call people on the telephone. It involves all kinds of meets, direct personal contacts with everybody. You have to work ten times as hard as you did before. So now you have less people to do it with, far less."

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[redacted] (ph.) talked about a "young fellow" in the CP in his area who had been in Buffalo on a visit and who stated that the CP in the Buffalo area was in very poor condition. This person was surprised when [redacted] (ph.) told him that this was not true. [redacted] described this person as "a good guy, he's the Org. Sec. now of our big section, the West Side Section. This individual came from Buffalo, he has been working in a shop in Cleveland."

[redacted] discussed the history of Party leadership in the Buffalo area. [redacted] (ph.) pointed out that in Ohio the CP has not felt a lack of native leadership. He stated, "When JIM WEST (ph.) left, New York sent HY SCHWARTZ (ph.) During this operation nobody knew him. But then he left and when HY LUMER went to [redacted] . . . we fought for the development of a native leadership." [redacted] (ph.) made a few remarks about the composition of "our Board." He mentioned that two of them who were workers had to be removed because of TAFT-HARTLEY considerations which weakened the Board. He also mentioned that "we have four, you know, leaders in AFL and CIO working in shops."

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Next [redacted] (ph.) mentioned, "Then there's one guy who is a printer, which I wouldn't consider in that category because he's not in the union. He's a part-time." [redacted] asked, "What is that lawyer in Youngstown [redacted] proof at all or?" and [redacted] (ph.) replied, "We don't have to give him proof but he integrated largely [redacted] ."

[redacted] talked about the former CP Organizer who went to California (IRVING GOFF).

Next [redacted] (ph.) referred to the situation in Ohio. He said, "Speaking about the time back [redacted], so we sat down with the people there and we asked them, well, who was here, we came up with a rather remarkable [redacted] about thirty-five people in that area who were not members of the Party. They had not been seen, nobody had been in touch with them, but they considered themselves to be Party members. One of the most influential guys who gives the leadership to these three locals [redacted] but they look to him for Party leadership. It's rather a fantastic situation. The thing is that these people have never considered themselves to be out. They haven't paid dues but they considered themselves to be in. Now the problem with that situation is to find a way out to make it possible for them . . . without endangering them it required almost a person full-time working there quietly . . . so the people that we expelled here are these guys. They asked for a review of their expulsion, that's what's heartening to me."

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After some discussion along these lines [redacted] joined the discussion. [redacted] was happy to tell her that besides Buffalo there were other places where the Party has not collapsed. [redacted] then mentioned that since the "convention" only eighteen people left the Party. [redacted] told his wife that the CP in [redacted] (ph.) area has three hundred fifty people.

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[redacted] (ph.) mentioned, "We have one of the leadership who dropped out, only one from the leadership in [redacted] county and he, in my estimation, only utilized this occasion to justify his, you know, to make it easier for him to get out . . . he had been on the way out before . . . he was [redacted] (ph.) and he was looking for a way out."

[redacted] talked about the number of shop workers in the CP in the Buffalo area who were also college graduates. [redacted] (ph.) was impressed by this. [redacted] referred to [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] remarked, [redacted] a Ph.D." [redacted] are known to [redacted] to be members of the Erie County CP Board.)

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Plans for Next Meeting

[redacted] told [redacted] (ph.) that he must receive the approval of the New York State CP leadership to meet again with [redacted] (ph.), and he said he would take the matter up immediately. [redacted] felt that if they met every two or three months it would be suitable, and [redacted] (ph.) agreed with this. [redacted] felt that when next [redacted] (ph.) comes to Buffalo, he can meet with the leaders of the Steel Section. [redacted] also promised to have "this auto guy" available for a conference with [redacted] (ph.) (undoubtedly a reference to [redacted] known to [redacted] as leader of the Auto Group of the Erie County CP.)

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[redacted] described the Party in Buffalo as "we're completely semi-legal here. We don't have any open Organizer . . . we're going to go ahead as soon as we can get some money and somebody willing to take the responsibility and put out a similar bulletin (as that issued by CP in Cleveland.)"

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[redacted] then referred to the ability of the Party in Buffalo to interest people again in the Party. He said that thus far most of their success has been restricted to the Negro community. "We have about twenty-five people working in the Negro area."

LEADS

CLEVELAND:

Will, as set forth in Buffalo letter to Cleveland, 9/24/57, advise identity of individual assigned Ohio Motor Vehicle Registration [redacted] which was observed in the vicinity of [redacted] residence on 9/14/57 when the aforementioned discussion was taking place. Cleveland is also requested to advise if subject has been known to use the alias [redacted]

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 13, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are being furnished herewith two copies of a chart showing the estimated Communist Party (CP) membership as of September 30, 1957, by states and territories, by field divisions and CP districts as well as comparative estimated membership figures by field divisions for the past four quarterly periods.

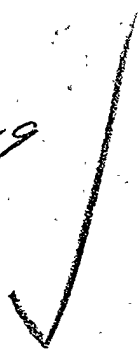
This data is being furnished for the information of the New York Office and should not be incorporated in any reports prepared by your office.

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ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

As of September 30, 1957

The following figures are set out according to states and territories, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

MEMBERSHIP IN STATES & TERRITORIES

Alabama	14	Massachusetts	119	S. Carolina	4
Arizona	25	Michigan	242	S. Dakota	23
Arkansas	0	Minnesota	155	Tennessee	8
California	2372	Mississippi	0	Texas	60
Colorado	11	Missouri	90	Utah	29
Connecticut	100	Montana	30	Vermont	2
Delaware	14	Nebraska	10	Virginia	20
District of Columbia	19	Nevada	3	Washington	300
Florida	48	New Hampshire	10	W. Virginia	11
Georgia	3	New Jersey	511	Wisconsin	125
Idaho	17	New Mexico	12	Wyoming	0
Illinois	652	New York	3500		
Indiana	115	N. Carolina	24	<u>Territories</u>	
Iowa	8	N. Dakota	22	Alaska	0
Kansas	2	Ohio	400	Hawaii	11
Kentucky	7	Oklahoma	18	Puerto Rico	30
Louisiana	26	Oregon	60		
Maine	4	Pennsylvania	395		
Maryland	52	Rhode Island	11		
				Total	9,727

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	98	Houston	12	Omaha	18
Albuquerque	12	Indianapolis	115	Philadelphia	310
Anchorage	0	Kansas City	10	Phoenix	25
Atlanta	3	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	96
Baltimore	69	Little Rock	0	Portland	60
Birmingham	8	Los Angeles	1679	Richmond	11
Boston	144	Louisville	7	St. Louis	24
Buffalo	143	Memphis	8	Salt Lake City	32
Butte	47	Miami	48	San Antonio	11
Charlotte	27	Milwaukee	125	San Diego	61
Chicago	640	Minneapolis	200	San Francisco	632
Cincinnati	63	Mobile	6	San Juan	30
Cleveland	337	Newark	511	Savannah	1
Dallas	34	New Haven	100	Seattle	300
Denver	11	New Orleans	26	Springfield	10
Detroit	242	New York	3251	WFO	19
El Paso	3	Norfolk	9		
Honolulu, T.H.	21	Oklahoma City	18	Total	9,727

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DISTRICTS

<u>Total</u>		<u>States Included in Districts</u>	
District 1	146	Maine	4
		New Hampshire	10
		Massachusetts	119
		Vermont	2
		Rhode Island	11
District 2	3500	New York	3500
District 3	324	East. Pennsylvania	316
		Delaware	14
District 4	74	Maryland	55
		Dist. of Columbia	19
District 5	85	West. Pennsylvania	85
District 6	408	Ohio	400
		Kentucky	7
		Four "Panhandle" Counties in W. Virginia	1
District 7	242	Michigan	242
District 8	716	Illinois	650
		Indiana (Lake Co.)	66
District 9	200	Minnesota	155
		N. Dakota	22
		S. Dakota	23
District 10	49	Indiana	49
District 11	60	Oregon	60
District 12	300	Washington	300
		Alaska	0
District 14	511	New Jersey	511
District 15	100	Connecticut	100
District 16	125	Wisconsin	125

DISTRICTS (Cont.)

District 19	23	Colorado	11
		New Mexico	12
		Wyoming	0
		El Paso area of Texas	3
District 21	22	Missouri	20
		Illinois	2
District 22	10	West Virginia (less the four "Panhandle" Counties)	10
District 23	57	Texas except El Paso area	57
District 24	26	Louisiana	26
District 25	43	Florida	43
District 26	20	Virginia	20
District 27	22	Alabama	14
		Mississippi	0
		Tennessee	8
District 28	18	Oklahoma	18
		Arkansas	0
District 29	23	N. Carolina	21
		S. Carolina	2
District 30	17	Montana	20
		Idaho	17
District 31	3	Georgia	3
District 32	20	Nebraska	10
		Iowa	8
		Kansas	2
District 35	29	Utah	29
No. Dist. of Calif.	632	California	2372
Co. Dist. of Calif.	1740		
State of Arizona	25	Arizona	25
State of Nevada	3	Nevada	3

TERRITORIES

Alaska*	0	0
Hawaii	11	11
Puerto Rico	30	30
	<u>9727</u>	<u>9727</u>

*This figure is also computed in District 12.

NOTE:

Districts Number 13, 16, 17, 20, 33, and 34 have been previously reorganized and combined with other districts.

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>12/31/56</u>	<u>3/31/57</u>	<u>6/30/57</u>	<u>9/30/57</u>
Albany	173	160	82	98
Albuquerque	16	16	15	12
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	3	4	3	4
Baltimore	141	141	141	69*
Birmingham	8	3	9	8
Boston	416	294	294	111*
Buffalo	100	150	150	143*
Butte	14	15	16	17
Charlotte	34	29	20	27
Chicago	915	900	800	610*
Cincinnati	75	62	63	63
Cleveland	529	529	529	337*
Dallas	35	35	35	34
Denver	65	61	61	11*
Detroit	242	242	242	242
El Paso	3	3	3	3
Honolulu, T.H.	11	11	11	11
Houston	17	15	14	12
Indianapolis	132	125	125	115
Kansas City	10	10	9	10
Knoxville	5	5	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1,961	1,961	1,733	11,679
Louisville	9	9	8	7
Memphis	8	8	8	8
Miami	48	48	50	43
Milwaukee	150	150	150	125
Minneapolis	274	277	276	200
Mobile	8	8	8	6
Newark	730	700	603	511*
New Haven	246	246	246	100*
New Orleans	26	26	26	26
New York	8,394	8,394	3,770	3,261*
Norfolk	11	11	9	9
Oklahoma City	21	19	19	18
Omaha	21	20	21	18
Philadelphia	143	394	310	310
Phoenix	25	25	25	25
Pittsburgh	131	131	130	95
Portland	82	80	81	60
Richmond	11	13	13	11
St. Louis	110	101	90	84
Salt Lake City	41	39	39	32
San Antonio	11	13	12	11

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION (Cont.)

	<u>12/31/55</u>	<u>3/31/57</u>	<u>6/30/57</u>	<u>9/30/57</u>
San Diego	66	66	63	61
San Francisco	939	714	701	632
San Juan	31	31	30	30
Savannah	4	2	2	1
Seattle	320	328	320	300
Springfield	23	15	10	10
WFO	<u>156</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>19*</u>
TOTALS	17,300	16,753	11,504	9,727

*This indicates significant fluctuation in membership.

Director, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, Detroit (100-16906)

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Rebulet to SAC, Albany and copies to other field offices dated 10/9/57, New York letter to Bureau dated 10/9/57, and Detroit letter to Bureau and New York, 10/16/57, all letters instant caption.

Since submission of referenced Detroit letter, the following information has been received from informants of this office who were alerted upon the receipt of the referenced Bureau and New York letters to the then forthcoming registration and reregistration by the CP of its members.

On 11/5/57 [redacted] reported the 10/29/57 meeting of the East Side Council, District 7. TOMMY DENNIS, member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, furnished detailed information concerning a membership drive within District 7. DENNIS made available the registration form similarly furnished by [redacted] below. Similarly, DENNIS furnished a mimeographed throw-away letter dated 11/1/57 entitled, "State Committed Letter to the Membership". A five-point program is outlined:

1. To give the membership a clear perspective and renewed confidence in the leadership of the Party.
2. Increase the membership by 10 to 20 per cent.
3. To begin the spado work for recruiting at least 50 to 100 new members by the end of 1958. The emphasis is to be on winning young workers both Negro and white.
4. Achieve a marked improvement in the status of Party organization among the workers.

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5. Every club to become involved in some activity with non-party people. This activity should involve issues of peace, economic struggles, civil rights, or civil liberties.

The re-registration of old members is to last from 11/1/57 to 1/1/58. The registration of new members is to continue through the year 1958 as outlined under Item 3 above.

The particular technique to be used in registration as outlined to the East Side Council by DENNIS is as follows:

1. A registration kit containing pertinent CP pamphlets and literature as well as the main draft resolution of the 16th National Convention, is to be made available to newly registered and registered members. The kit will be available to each club at a cost of \$1.25. The clubs will be instructed to organize teams consisting of two members to a team. To avoid duplication of effort, the teams are to visit designated recruits or re-registrations on a three-point basis:
 - a. To discuss political matters.
 - b. Determine their present attitude concerning the CP, USA.
 - c. To register on the spot or to hold such registration in abeyance pending discussions of the individual within the next meeting of the given CP club.

Page 3 of referenced State Committee letter to the membership dated 11/1/57, states as follows:

"The State Committee calls upon all clubs and councils to get for themselves two tasks. One, to get all existing clubs to begin meeting regularly and work out a modest program of activity for the next

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three months. Second, to undertake to register more members than were registered last year. Particular attention should be given to the question of composition. Priority should be given to consideration of class, age, and Negro-white composition."

On 11/14/57 [redacted] advised that on Tuesday evening, 11/12/57, the members present at the regular meeting of the Youth Club of District 7, CP, USA, were registered for the forthcoming year. From the information the informant furnished concerning the form and information requested, it was apparent that the form was substantially the same as the copy form enclosed with the referenced Bureau letter.

The informant stated that the person handling the registration did not know the significance of the first column on the form, namely, "No." The informant advised further that when the names of two of the members of the Youth Club were mentioned, who were not present at this meeting, the person handling the registration stated that in order for a CP member to be registered they must be there in person at the meeting. This individual continued stating that even though they know the age and number of years in the Party of the absent members, it could not be filled in without them being present.

This office and the Agents handling informants are remaining alert and constantly checking with the informants to determine whether any of the other clubs have actually held or are holding their registration. Contacts with anonymous sources and other investigative techniques are planned in the immediate future in an attempt to locate the completed registration forms for the various clubs, councils, and District. The Bureau will be kept advised, as well as the New York Office.

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